NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
will be held on December 16, 2025, at 5:30 pm
at Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California

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AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions, if any, to the Agenda
4. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the Board relating to any non-agenda matter within the Board's jurisdiction. The total time for all public participation shall not exceed fifteen minutes and the time allotted for each individual shall not exceed five minutes. No action will be taken by the Board at this meeting on any public item.)

   Staff recommends any potential new agenda items based on issues raised be held for discussion under the Agenda Item "Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda".

5. Board of Directors Officer Selections for 2026
6. Receive presentation by Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP and file the FY 2024-25 Financial Audit Pg. 4-45
7. **Consent Agenda** – Routine Items for approval or rejected in single motion without separate discussion. Consent items can be removed and placed on the Regular Agenda for discussion and possible action upon request by a Director.
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   b. Consider adoption of **Resolution No. 738** appointing representatives to the Eastern Management Area GSA JPA Board of Directors: Director and Alternate Director
   c. Consider adoption of **Resolution No. 739** appointing representatives to the Western Management Area GSA JPA Board of Directors: Director and Alternate Director
   d. California Special District Association (CSDA)
   e. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the CSDA
   f. Urban Water Institute

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    c. Board Discussion and Comments
    d. Consider Approval and Adoption of Ordinance 25-01 (including appropriate revisions, if any).
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15. **Attorney Report**
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16. Reports, acts by Board members, questions of staff, status reports, announcements, observations, and other matters, and/or communications not requiring action.
17. Requests from the Board of Directors for items to be included on the next Agenda.
18. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

    In compliance with the California Water Code, regular meetings are scheduled for a specified Wednesday in March, June, September, and December at various locations within the District. Special meetings may be held on any day and at any location within the District.

19. **Closed Session**: The Board will hold a closed session to discuss the following matters:
    a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1)): In the matter of Petition for Change of City of Solvang for Water Right Permit No. 15878 (Application A022423), which authorizes diversion of water from the Santa Ynez River (underflow) in Santa Barbara County, pending before the State Water Resources Control Board Office of Administrative Hearings.

b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2)): Significant exposure to litigation (Three Matters).

c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(4)): Possible initiation of litigation (Six Matters).

d. Performance Evaluation of Public Employee (Gov. Code, § 54957(b)(1)) - Title: General Manager.

20. Reconvene into Open Session / Closed Session Report (if any) (Gov. Code, § 54957.1).

21. Adjournment

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December 16, 2025

Board of Directors
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District

We are pleased to present this letter related to our audit of the financial statements and compliance of Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (the District) for the year ended June 30, 2025. This letter is to inform the Board of Directors about significant matters related to the conduct of the annual audit so that it can appropriately discharge its oversight responsibility, and we can comply with professional standards.

Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (AU-C 260, *The Auditor's Communication With Those Charged With Governance*) require the auditor to promote effective two-way communication between the auditor and those charged with governance. Consistent with this requirement, the following summarizes our responsibilities regarding the financial statement audit as well as observations arising from our audit that are significant and relevant to your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process.

Our Responsibilities With Regard to the Financial Statement Audit

Our responsibilities under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States have been described to you in our engagement letter dated June 26, 2025. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities, which are also described in that letter.

Overview of the Planned Scope and Timing of the Financial Statement Audit

We have issued a separate communication dated October 8, 2025 regarding the planned scope and timing of our audit and identified significant risks.

Accounting Policies and Practices

Preferability of Accounting Policies and Practices

Under generally accepted accounting principles, in certain circumstances, management may select among alternative accounting practices. In our view, in such circumstances, management has selected the preferable accounting practice.

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Adoption of, or Change in, Accounting Policies

Management has the ultimate responsibility for the appropriateness of the accounting policies used by the District. The following is a description of significant accounting policies or their application that were either initially selected or changed during the year:

- GASB Statement No. 101 – *Compensated Absences*: This statement updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. This is achieved by a unified model and amends certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this statement were effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2023 (FY 24/25), and were reflected in the financial statements. No material impact to the financial statements as a result of this standard.

- GASB Statement No. 102 – *Certain Risk Disclosures:* This statement improves financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with essential information that currently is not often provided. It focuses on providing users with timely information regarding specific concentrations or constraints and related events that could significantly impact a government. The requirements of this statement were effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2024 (FY 24/25). No material impact to the financial statements as result of this standard.

Significant Accounting Policies

We did not identify any significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Significant Unusual Transactions

We did not identify any significant unusual transactions.

Management's Judgments and Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the preparation of financial statements and are based upon management's current judgment. The process used by management encompasses their knowledge and experience about past and current events and certain assumptions about future events. You may wish to monitor throughout the year the process used to determine and record these accounting estimates. The following describes the significant accounting estimates reflected in the District's financial statements:

Groundwater charges accounts receivable

Accounts receivable as of June 30, 2025 is estimated based on historical periods and self-reported ground water usage statements received after year end.

Audit Adjustments and Uncorrected Misstatements

Audit adjustments and accounting consulting adjustments are attached to this letter.

We are not aware of any uncorrected misstatements other than misstatements that are clearly trivial.

Other Information Included in Annual Reports

Our responsibility for other information included in financial statements is to read the information and consider whether its content or the manner of its presentation is materially inconsistent with the financial information covered by our auditor's report, whether it contains a material misstatement of fact or whether the other information is otherwise misleading. We read the District's other information and agreed, when possible, underlying data into the audited basic financial statements. We did not identify material inconsistencies with the audited basic financial statements.

Observations About the Audit Process

Disagreements with Management

We encountered no disagreements with management over the application of significant accounting principles, the basis for management's judgments on any significant matters, the scope of the audit, or significant disclosures to be included in the financial statements.

Consultations with Other Accountants

We are not aware of any consultations management had with other accountants about accounting or auditing matters.

Significant Issues Discussed with Management

No significant issues arising from the audit were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.

Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We did not encounter any difficulties in dealing with management during the audit.

Significant Matters That Required Consultation

We did not encounter any difficult or contentious matters that required consultation outside the engagement team and that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process.

Shared Responsibilities for Independence

Independence is a **joint responsibility** and is managed most effectively when management, audit committees (or their equivalents), and audit firms work together in considering compliance with AICPA and *Government Accountability Office* (GAO) independence rules. For Bartlett, Pringle & Wolf, LLP (BPW) to fulfill its professional responsibility to maintain and monitor independence, management, the board, and BPW each play an important role.

Our Responsibilities

- AICPA and GAO rules require independence both of mind and in appearance when providing audit and other attestation services. BPW is to ensure that the

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AICPA and GAO's General Requirements for performing non-attest services are adhered to and included in all letters of engagement.

- Maintain a system of quality control over compliance with independence rules and firm policies.

The District's Responsibilities

- Timely inform BPW, before the effective date of transactions or other business changes, of the following:
    - New affiliates, directors or officers.
    - Change in the organizational structure or the reporting entity impacting affiliates such as related entities, investments, joint ventures, component units, and jointly governed organizations.
- Provide necessary affiliate information such as new or updated structure charts, as well as financial information required to perform materiality calculations needed for making affiliate determinations.
- Understand and conclude on the permissibility, prior to the District and its affiliates, including the District, and the officers, directors or persons in a decision-making capacity, engaging in business relationships with BPW.
- Not entering into arrangements of non-audit services resulting in BPW being involved in making management decisions on behalf of the District.
- Not entering into relationships resulting in close family members of BPW covered persons, temporarily or permanently acting as an officer, director or person in an accounting or financial reporting oversight role at the District.

Internal Control Matters and Compliance Matters

We have separately communicated on internal control and compliance over financial reporting identified during our audit of the financial statements, as required by *Government Auditing Standard.* This communication dated December 16, 2025, includes any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting and applicable noncompliance identified during our audit of the basic financial statements, as required by *Government Auditing Standards*.

Significant Written Communications between Management and Our Firm

In conjunction with the audit of the financial statements, we have been provided a letter of certain representations from management dated December 16, 2025.

Conclusion

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.

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We will be pleased to respond to any questions you have about the foregoing matters. We appreciate the opportunity to continue to be of service to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District.

Very truly yours,

BARTLETT, PRINGLE & WOLF, LLP
Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

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SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

JUNE 30, 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BARTLETT, PRINGLE & WOLF, LLP
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND CONSULTANTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and major fund of the District, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standa*rds will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 9, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The supplemental schedule of revenues and expenses – actual and budget on page 30 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and the other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the supplemental schedule of revenues and expenses – actual and budget is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the list of Board of Directors on page 31 but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December XX, 2025 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Santa Barbara, California
December XX, 2025

This section provides Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. It includes: 1) Background and Discussion of Operations; 2) Revenues and Financial Reporting; 3) Overview of the Financial Statements; 4) Financial Highlights for fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024; and 5) Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget.

Background and Discussion of Operations

The District was formed in 1939 under the Water Conservation District Act of 1931 to protect the surface water rights and associated supplies of the citizens of the Santa Ynez Valley from diversion and export from the watershed to the South Coast of Santa Barbara County. This was in response to the construction of two dams on the Santa Ynez River by South Coast interests and plans to build a third which was subsequently constructed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). In 2015, in response to the State of California's historic passage of significant groundwater legislation enacted in 2014 (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act or "SGMA"), the District took a leadership role in initiating additional activities to manage groundwater in the watershed pursuant to SGMA.

District representatives participate in State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) activities regulating the flow of the Santa Ynez River, implement various provisions of the SWRCB Orders protecting downstream water rights, and monitor activities by others with regard to the aforementioned agreements and SWRCB Orders. As provided such orders, including WR 2019-0148, the District may call for the release of water stored in Cachuma Reservoir for the benefit of water rights and replenishment of downstream alluvium and groundwater downstream of Bradbury Dam, sometimes referred to as "water rights releases," and manages the timing and rates of those flows in order to promote recharge along the river and on the Lompoc Plain.

The District's activities in defending the surface water supplies of its constituents from use by outside interests and in implementing SGMA involve the application of technical, regulatory, and legal expertise to resolve surface and groundwater issues along the river and in the adjacent uplands. The District negotiated various agreements over the years with South Coast interests and Reclamation pertaining to the operation of the dams. These agreements have dealt with, among other things, the quantity and quality of water to be released for the benefit of downstream users, peak flow management, and endangered species.

The District requires reporting of and monitors groundwater and other subsurface water pumping, use and levels in the watershed and has managed groundwater studies in the Santa Ynez Uplands, Buellton Uplands and Lompoc Area Basins, and annually levies a groundwater charge on pumping of underground water to fund District activities. In accordance with SGMA, the District, working with its agency partners and constituents, established three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) within the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) and initiated activities to develop three Groundwater Management Plans (GSPs) compliant with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). In 2016, representatives of the eight partner agencies all agreed through a Memorandum of Understanding (dated May 23, 2016) on the District taking an organizational and coordinating role to develop GSPs for all three GSAs to manage groundwater in the watershed. The District will continue to be involved in the implementation of the three GSPs for the Basin.

Background and Discussion of Operations (Continued)

On November 28, 2023, member agencies of the Western Management Area GSA reformed the GSA from the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement and entered into a Joint Powers Agreement for the Western Management Area. Also on November 28, 2023, member agencies of the Central Management Area GSA reformed the GSA from the MOU agreement and entered into a Joint Powers Agreement for the Central Management Area. Effective July 16, 2024, member agencies of the Eastern Management Area GSA reformed the GSA from the MOU agreement and entered into a Joint Powers Agreement for the Eastern Management Area. The District is a member of the all three Joint Powers Agreements.

Revenues and Financial Reporting

The District's primary sources of revenue are *ad valorem* property taxes and groundwater pumping charges. Such charges are authorized to be levied "upon the production of groundwater from all water producing facilities ...for the benefit of all who rely directly or indirectly upon the groundwater supplies ..." (Water Code Section 75522). The District derives a minor portion of its revenue from investment income.

Property taxes are distributed by the County of Santa Barbara to the District according to a formula that was agreed upon in 1978. These taxes do not appear as a separate item on property tax bills but are part of the 1% tax limit on assessed valuation that was imposed State-wide by Proposition 13.

Groundwater pumping charges are set by the Board of Directors each year. About 600 statements are mailed semi-annually at the end of June and December to well owners/operators so that they may self-report and submit payment for incurred groundwater pumping charges for the prior six months of water use. Water use may be calculated using one of several methods, crop-based factors, use categories, or metered water use. (Water Code Section 7500 et seq.) For 2023-2024, a Proposition 26 compliant single rate for all users per District Zone was set which resulted in an increase for all users in District Zone A, a minimal increase for all users in District Zones B and B1, and a decrease for all users in District Zones C, D, E, and F. For 2024-2025, a Proposition 26 compliant single rate for all users per District Zone was adopted by the Board of Directors that resulted in a modest rate increase for each District Zone. Each year the Board of Directors is presented with a rate study and evaluates the need to adjust pumping fees based on District costs to run both the surface water and groundwater programs.

Based on the foregoing, the District files its Financial Transaction Reports (FTR) with the State Controller's Office (SCO) under the Flood Control and Water Conservation category as a non-enterprise activity. The District should not be confused with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (Special) Improvement District No. 1 (ID No. 1), which was formed by this District as a water purveyor and became a separate entity. As a separate entity, ID No. 1 files its FTRs with the SCO under the water utility category as an enterprise activity.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The financial statements in this audit report include: 1) Government-wide Financial Statements, including Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities; 2) Fund Financial Statements, including a Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balance, and Reconciliations of these statements to the government-wide financial statements, for the District's major General Fund; and 3) Notes to the Basic Financial Statements. The Notes provide detailed information pertaining to significant accounting policies, cash and investments, property taxes, insurance, net assets, and contingencies. Because the District manages its finances in a single major fund, the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements present the same financial data in accordance with different accounting policies and in different formats.

Financial Highlights

Government-wide Financial Statement Analysis

Summary of Net Position
As of June 30

			2025 - 2024 Change	
	2025	**2024**	**$**	**%**
Assets:				
Current assets	$ 3,862,756	$ 3,066,374	$ 796,382	26%
Non-current assets	496,265	147,024	349,241	238%
Total assets	**4,359,021**	**3,213,398**	**1,145,623**	**36%**
Liabilities:				
Current liabilities	1,158,481	473,747	684,734	145%
Long-term liabilities	38,355	55,598	(17,243)	-31%
Total liabilities	**1,196,836**	**529,345**	**667,491**	**126%**
Net Position:				
Net investment in capital assets	9,352	12,459	(3,107)	-25%
Unrestricted - reserved	2,000,000	2,000,000	-	0%
Unrestricted	1,152,833	671,594	481,239	72%
Total net position	**$ 3,162,185**	**$ 2,684,053**	**$ 478,132**	**18%**

Financial Highlights (Continued)

Government-wide Financial Statement Analysis (Continued)

Summary of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30

	2025	2024	2025 - 2024 Change $	2025 - 2024 Change %
Revenue:				
Charges for services	$ 767,774	$ 721,057	$ 46,717	6%
Property tax	427,127	408,382	18,745	5%
Grant revenue	1,277,852	483,474	794,378	164%
GSA administrative services	126,906	-	126,906	100%
Unrealized gain	4,321	20,905	(16,584)	-79%
Interest income	102,069	101,379	690	1%
Other revenue	372	404	(32)	-8%
Total revenue	**2,706,421**	**1,735,601**	**970,820**	**56%**
Expenses:				
Operating expenses	985,748	954,219	31,529	3%
SGMA pass-through grant expense	1,242,541	469,750	772,791	165%
Total expenses	**2,228,289**	**1,423,969**	**804,320**	**56%**
Change in net position	**478,132**	**311,632**	**166,500**	**53%**
Net position - beginning of year	**2,684,053**	**2,372,421**	**311,632**	**13%**
Net position - end of year	**$ 3,162,185**	**$ 2,684,053**	**$ 478,132**	**18%**

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the District's net position increased by a total of $478,132 (18%). This is due to revenues exceeding expenses. The District's revenues increased by $970,820 (56%) and expenses increased by $804,320 (56%) primarily due to the Department of Water Resources grant revenue and related passthrough expenses being recognized in the current year. The Department of Water Resources grant supports implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and all grant receipts from the Department of Water Resources are fully passed through to the three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

Revenues were also impacted by increases in GSA administrative income. Additionally, charges for services increased due to rate increases effective for fiscal year 2024/2025.

Significant variances from the prior year related to expenses include increases in pass-through grant expenses of $772,791 and in employee benefits due to the new health insurance benefit offered to District employees.

Financial Highlights (Continued)

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16 through 29 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Of concern with the self-reporting system for the collection of groundwater pumping charges is the issue of equity: it is important to verify and establish that all wells within the District be registered, and that all wells producing water be assessed the appropriate groundwater pumping charges. This issue will become more visible as the Groundwater Sustainability Plans are implemented, and charges or fees are then adopted by the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to fund implementation of the adopted plans versus the current funding from cash contributions by the District and GSA partner agencies.

In September 2019, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted a new Water Rights Order (WRO 2019-0148) which applies to the US Bureau of Reclamation operation of the Cachuma Project, which diverts about 25,000 to 30,000 acre-feet of water annually out of the Santa Ynez watershed to the south coast of Santa Barbara County. This new WRO contained some provisions that are beneficial to Santa Ynez watershed interests, but also mandated certain studies, the outcome of which could have significant impacts on downstream water rights. As with previous SWRCB water rights orders, the District will maintain active advocacy and participation in the study, planning, and operational decisions of the Cachuma Project in order to ensure the preservation of the water rights belonging to downstream properties.

The federal National Marine Fisheries, acting under the US Congress Endangered Species Act (ESA), will be preparing a new Biological Opinion (BiOp) regarding the endangered southern steelhead, an anadromous form of rainbow trout species known as O. mykiss. In 2016, a draft BiOp was issued which contained provisions that were alarming to Santa Ynez River users, if not actually detrimental. Fortunately, this 2016 BiOp was never finalized, and never implemented.

Unlike the SWRCB, which must balance environmental concerns with water rights and economics, the ESA contains no such balancing provisions, but only focuses on what is required to protect endangered species. Currently, the District has assisted the US Bureau of Reclamation in the preparation of a Biological Assessment, which is the first step in the process for NMFS to issue another BiOp. Hopefully there will be a revised BiOp that will not be as impactful in its protective provisions as the draft 2016 version. The future costs to the District for participating in this process, and, if needed, challenging any resulting implementation in order to protect water rights are unknown.

In order to ensure the ability to defend the water rights interests in the watershed, the District has set aside a contingency of $1.6 million for the legal and engineering defense of water rights or the initiation of litigation if necessary. At this time, neither situation is expected to occur in the near future. However, that future is uncertain, and all effected parties are looking to see how the 2019 SWRCB Water Rights Order will be implemented and/or enforced. The District also maintains a $400,000 reserve for other unanticipated projects and/or events.

Economic Factor's and Next Year's Budget (Continued)

Unknown but planned for costs at this time include the implementation of three Groundwater Sustainability Plans that were adopted and subsequently submitted to DWR in January 2022 as part of the requirements set forth by the California Legislature in SGMA. In 2023, the District, on behalf of the three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, was awarded an approximately $5.5 million Proposition 68 Grant from the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to offset the costs for implementation projects of the three GSPs between October 2022 and April 2026 in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin.

For the 2025-26 budget, the District is planning on modest changes in total revenues and expenditures compared to the 2024-25 budget. The groundwater pumping charge is the only source of revenue over which the District has control. The tax revenue is entirely dependent upon the office of the County of Santa Barbara Tax Assessor, an independent elected position which determines tax assessments according to statutory requirements. While the District does have some control over the revenue derived from investment income, investments are restricted by statute. At this time, the District has decided to invest primarily in the State of California Treasurer operated Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) and in a Joint Powers Authority investment pool California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities (Ca CLASS). Both provide liquidity, safety, and a recent rate of return on investment that is significantly less than the rate of inflation.

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2025

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ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	546,194
Investments		1,992,553
Accounts receivable		398,793
Grants receivable		912,856
Interest receivable		8,565
Other receivable		2,832
Prepaid expenses		963
Total current assets		3,862,756
Non-Current Assets:		
Loans receivable		431,315
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		
Leasehold improvements		11,500
Right-of-use assets		53,450
Total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		64,950
Total non-current assets		496,265
Total assets		4,359,021
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable		1,094,244
Accrued salaries and benefits		19,715
Compensated absences payable		27,279
Lease payable, current portion		17,243
Total current liabilities		1,158,481
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Lease payable, long-term portion		38,355
Total long-term liabilities		38,355
Total liabilities		1,196,836
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets		9,352
Unrestricted, reserved for defense of water rights		1,600,000
Unrestricted, reserved for unanticipated events		400,000
Unrestricted		1,152,833
Total net position	$	3,162,185

See accompanying notes

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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		Program Revenue		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
Functions / Programs:				
Governmental activities:				
Ground water conservation	$ 2,228,289	$ 767,774	$ 1,277,852	$ (182,663)
Total	$ 2,228,289	$ 767,774	$ 1,277,852	(182,663)
General Revenues:				
Property tax				427,127
GSA administrative services				126,906
Unrealized gain				4,321
Interest income				102,069
Other revenue				372
Total general revenues				660,795
Change in net position				478,132
Net Position - beginning of year				2,684,053
Net Position - end of year				$ 3,162,185

See accompanying notes

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2025

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		General Fund
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	546,194
Investments		1,992,553
Accounts receivable		398,793
Grants receivable		912,856
Interest receivable		8,565
Loans receivable		431,315
Other receivable		2,832
Prepaid expenses		963
Total assets	$	4,294,071
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$	1,094,244
Accrued salaries and benefits		19,715
Total liabilities		1,113,959
Fund Balance:		
Committed for defense of water rights		1,600,000
Committed for unanticipated events		400,000
Unassigned		1,180,112
Total fund balance		3,180,112
Total liabilities and fund balance	$	4,294,071

See accompanying notes

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Total fund balance of governmental funds	$ 3,180,112
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets, including leased assets, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	64,950
Certain liabilites reported in the Statement of Net Position do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	
Compensated absences	(27,279)
Lease payable	(55,598)
Net position	$ 3,162,185

See accompanying notes

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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	General
Revenues:	
Ground water charges	$ 767,774
Property tax	427,127
Grant revenue	1,277,852
GSA administrative services	126,906
Unrealized gain	4,321
Interest income	102,069
Other revenue	372
Total revenues	2,706,421
Expenditures:	
Employee salaries	467,851
Employee benefits	72,912
Outside services	5,426
Office expense	29,565
Director fees	6,450
Travel	10,280
Accounting	18,090
Insurance and worker's comp	20,262
Dues and LAFCO fees	6,108
Legal	97,878
Engineering and environmental	32,689
Fishery - hydrology and consultants	34,065
Water rights	16,708
Groundwater charges program	121,965
Sustainable Groundwater Management Act	870
SGMA pass-through grant expenses	1,242,541
Special projects	26,155
Miscellaneous expense	-
Capital outlay	-
Debt service	
Principal	16,528
Interest	2,672
Total expenditures	2,229,015
Net change in fund balance	477,406
Fund balance - beginning of year	2,702,706
Fund balance - end of year	$ 3,180,112

See accompanying notes

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SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Net change in fund balance	$	477,406
Amounts reported in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report the cost of capital assets and lease assets as expenditures; however in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. In the current period this amount is:		
Depreciation expense		(19,635)
Repayment of principal on long-term debt, including lease payable, is reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the government-wide financial statements.		16,528
Compensated absences reported in the Statement of Net Position do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		3,833
Change in net position	$	478,132

See accompanying notes

Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A) Nature of the Organization

The Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was organized in 1939, pursuant to the provisions of the Water Conservation District Law of 1931, and the Water Code pursuant to State of California, Division 21. The annual budget, prepared in advance of each fiscal year, includes an amount deemed necessary to be provided by the levy of taxes within the District. The budget is sent to the County Auditor and County Board of Supervisors in compliance with the California Water Code Section 75351 and Government Code Section 53901.

In 2015, in response to the State of California's historic passage of significant groundwater legislation (Sustainable Groundwater Management Act or SGMA) in 2014, the District took a leadership role in initiating activities to manage groundwater in the watershed and in 2017, three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) were formed, as discussed in Note 8.

B) Reporting Entity

The District has defined its reporting entity in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. These standards provide guidance for determining which governmental activities; organizations and functions should be included in the reporting entity and how information about them should be presented. The basic criterion for inclusion of a governmental unit in a governmental reporting entity are: (1) financial interdependency, (2) selection of governing authority, (3) designation of management, (4) ability to significantly influence operations, and (5) accountability for fiscal matters.

The scope of this report extends exclusively to the financial information of Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District. The Governing Board of the District has no oversight responsibility over any other governmental unit or District. As such, the Board's governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operation, and accountability for fiscal matters extend only to the affairs of the District.

C) Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

This report has been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. The government-wide financial statements report information on all of the activities of the District. Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds.

Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C) Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus (Continued)

Government-wide Financial Statements - Government-wide financial statements display information about the reporting government as a whole.

Government-wide financial statements are presented using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the grantor have been met.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the government-wide financial statements, rather than reported as expenditures. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as a liability in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as another financing source. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability, rather than as expenditures.

Fund Financial Statements – The focus of the fund financial statements is on the District's General Fund, its sole major governmental fund.

The governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance for these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current position.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e. both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The District, in general, considers revenues available if they are collected within 120 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred except for principal and interest on long-term liabilities, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and financing through leases are reported as other financing sources.

D) Budgetary Procedures

The District prepares an annual budget which includes estimates of its principal sources of revenue to be received during the fiscal year, as well as estimated expenditures and reserves needed for operation of District facilities.

Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District considers demand deposits, cash on hand, and all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

F) Investments

Investments in governmental investment pools are reported at fair value based on the fair value per share of the pool's underlying portfolio.

G) Receivables

Receivables are primarily comprised of ground water service charges and grants. All receivables are considered to be fully collectible. Accordingly, no allowance has been made for doubtful accounts, and accounts receivable are shown at full value.

H) Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased by the District are recorded at cost. The District depreciates its fixed assets by the straight-line method over periods of 5 to 10 years, depending on the estimated useful life of the asset. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than $5,000, and estimated useful life in excess of two years. The right of use lease asset is amortized over the five-year lease term.

I) Compensated Absences

The District's personnel policies provide for accumulation of vacation and sick leave. Compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements, and the District accrues 100% of earned paid time off. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations or retirements. In accordance with GASB Statement 101, the District recognizes a liability for leave that has been earned and is expected to be used or paid. The liability includes unused leave balances along with any related payroll costs, such as employer taxes. The change in compensated absences liability may be reported in the notes as a net change for the period.

J) Leases

Leases are recognized in accordance with GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*. A lessee is required to recognize a lease payable and an intangible right-of-use lease asset. A lease payable is recognized at the net present value of future lease payments and is adjusted over time by interest and payments. The right-of-use asset is initially recorded at the amount of the lease liability plus prepayments less any lease incentives received prior to lease commencement and is subsequently amortized over the life of the lease.

Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

J) Leases (Continued)

In the government-wide financial statements right-of-use assets are reported in the Statement of Net Position. In the governmental fund financial statements, the present value of lease payments is reported as other financing sources. Under modified accrual accounting, lease payments are considered capital outlay and proceeds of lease contracts, and thereafter are recorded as principal and interest payments.

K) Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is classified into three components as follows:

- *Net investment in capital assets* – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net investment in capital assets excludes unspent debt proceeds.
- *Restricted* – This component of net position consists when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Unrestricted* – This component of net position consists of net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets." Unrestricted, reserved net position represents unrestricted assets which are segregated by the Board of Directors for specific future uses.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both unrestricted and restricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to apply restricted assets first, then unrestricted resources.

L) Fund Balance

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the use of resources.

- *Restricted fund balance* – amounts with constraints placed on their use that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

L) Fund Balance (Continued)

- *Committed fund balance* – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes determined by formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority (the Board of Directors) and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner. The underlying action that imposed the limitation needs to occur no later than the close of the reporting period.
- *Assigned fund balance* – amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes. The intent can be established at either the highest level of decision making, or by a body or an official designated for that purpose.
- *Unassigned fund balance* – the residual classification for the District's General Fund that included amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other funds, the unassigned classification is used only if expenditure incurred for specific purposes exceeds the amounts restricted to those purposes.

The Board of Directors establishes, modifies or rescinds fund balance commitments and assignments by approving contractual commitments, an ordinance or a resolution.

M) Revenue Recognition – Groundwater Charges

The Board of Directors approve groundwater charges annually. On July 1 and January 1, the District mails groundwater statements to well customers for the preceding 6 month period. Customers are required to self-report their water usage and pay the groundwater charges within 30 days of the statement date. Management estimates the amount of groundwater charges the District earned during the year based on subsequent period cash collections. These amounts are recorded as accounts receivable as of June 30, 2025. Customers who did not return their statement within four months of the statement date are not included in accounts receivable as of June 30, 2025.

N) Revenue Recognition – Property Taxes

Property taxes are collected on the tax rolls of the County of Santa Barbara. The District receives an allocation of general property taxes. The property taxes and service charges are recognized when they have been collected by the County and are available for distribution to the District.

Property taxes in the State of California are administered for all local agencies at the county level, and consist of secured, unsecured, and utility tax rolls. The following is a summary of major policies and practices relating to property taxes:

Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

N) Revenue Recognition – Property Taxes (Continued)

Property Valuations – are established by the Assessor of the County of Santa Barbara (County) for the secured and unsecured property tax rolls; the utility property tax roll is valued by the State Board of Equalization. Under the provisions of Article XIIA of the State Constitution (Proposition 13 adopted by the voters on June 6, 1978), properties are assessed at 100% of full value. From the base assessment, subsequent annual increases in valuation are limited to a maximum of 2%. However, increases to full value are allowed for property improvements or upon change in ownership. Personal property is excluded from these limitations, and is subject to annual reappraisal.

Tax Collections – are the responsibility of the County Tax Collector. Taxes and assessments on secured and utility rolls which constitute a lien against the property, may be paid in two installments: the first is due on November 1 of the fiscal year and is delinquent if not paid by December 10; and the second is due on March 1 of the fiscal year and is delinquent if not paid by April 10. Unsecured personal property taxes do not constitute a lien against real property unless the taxes become delinquent. Payment must be made in one installment, which is delinquent if not paid by August 31 of the fiscal year. Significant penalties are imposed by the County for late payments.

Tax Levy Apportionments – Due to the nature of the District-wide maximum levy, it is not possible to identify general purpose tax rates for specific entities. Under State legislation adopted subsequent to the passage of Proposition 13, apportionments to local agencies are made by the County Auditor-Controller based primarily on the ratio that each District represented of the total District-wide levy for the three years prior to fiscal year 1979.

Tax Levies – are limited to 1% of full value which results in a tax rate of $1.00 per $100 assessed valuation, under the provisions of Proposition 13. Tax rates for voter-approved indebtedness are excluded from this limitation.

Tax Levy Dates – are attached annually on January 1 preceding the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. The fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the following year. Taxes are levied on both real and unsecured personal property as they exist at that time. Liens against real estate, as well as the tax on personal property, are not relieved by subsequent renewal or change in ownership.

Property Tax Administration Fees – The State of California FY 90-91 Budget Act, authorized counties to collect an administrative fee for collection and distribution of property taxes. Property taxes are recorded as net of administrative fees withheld.

Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

O) Revenue Recognition – Grant Revenue

As noted in Note 9, the District is a recipient of grant funds that support the operations of three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs). Quarterly, the District summarizes the expenditures of each GSA and submits an invoice to the Department of Water Resources for reimbursement. After receiving the grant reimbursement, the funds are to be distributed to each GSA. Grant revenue and a related expenditure are recognized when the reimbursement is received to reflect the pass-through nature of this grant.

P) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the accompanying financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Q) Implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the District implemented the following Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements:

Statement No. 101 *"Compensated Absences"*	This statement updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. This is achieved by a unified model and amends certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2023. (FY 24/25).
Statement No. 102 *"Certain Risk Disclosures"*	This statement improves financial reporting by providing users of financial statements with essential information that currently is not often provided. It focuses on providing users with timely information regarding specific concentrations or constraints and related events that could significantly impact a government. The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2024. (FY 24/25)

The adoption of these statements did not have a material impact on the District.

Note 1 – Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

R) Future Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements listed below will be implemented in future financial statements. These statements will be evaluated by the District to determine if they will have a material impact to the financial statements once effective.

Statement No. 103	*"Financial Reporting Model Improvements"*	The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025. (FY 25/26)
Statement No. 104	*"Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets"*	The requirements of this statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025. (FY 25/26)

Note 2 – Cash and Investments

Cash and investments are comprised of the following at June 30, 2025:

Deposits with financial institutions	$	546,194
Local Agency Investment Fund		782,694
California CLASS		1,209,859
Total cash and investments	$	2,538,747

Investments Authorized by the District's Investment Policy

The District's investment policy authorizes the District to invest only in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), Santa Barbara County Investment Pool (SBIF), California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CA CLASS), FDIC insured accounts, and any investment authorized by Government Code section 53601 that is approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

Investments

The District participates in LAIF and California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System CA CLASS, which are regulated by the California Government Code. The District's investments in LAIF and CA CLASS are highly liquid as deposits and withdrawals can be made at any time without penalty.

The fair value of the District's investment in LAIF is reported in the accompanying financial statements based upon the District's pro rata share of the fair value provided by LAIF, in relation to the amortized cost of the portfolio. The balance available for withdrawal is based on the accounting records maintained by LAIF, which are recorded on an amortized cost basis. The fair value of the District's investment in CA CLASS is measured at $1 per share, the net asset value (NAV) determined by the pool.

Note 2 – Cash and Investments (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The fair value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. California law also allows financial institutions to secure the District's deposits by pledging first trust deed mortgage notes having a value of 150% of the secured public deposits.

None of the District's deposits with financial institutions in excess of federal depository insurance limits were held in uncollateralized accounts.

Interest Rate Risk

The District did not have any investments with fair values that are considered to be highly sensitive to changes in interest rates.

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The District's investments in LAIF and CA CLASS are not rated.

Note 3 – Risk Management

The District participates in the Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), an intergovernmental risk sharing joint powers authority, for general and auto liability, public officials personal, error and omissions and employment practices liability, workers compensation, property damage, and fidelity insurance. The District pays a premium commensurate with the level of coverage requested. To obtain complete financial information contact SDRMA at 1112 I Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Note 4 – Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Depreciable capital assets:				
Leasehold improvements	$ 23,000	$ -	$ -	$ 23,000
Right-of-use assets	86,675	-	-	86,675
Total depreciable capital assets	109,675	-	-	109,675
Less: accumulated depreciation	(25,090)	(19,635)	-	(44,725)
Net depreciable capital assets	$ 84,585	$ (19,635)	$ -	$ 64,950

Note 5 – Compensated Absences

Changes in accrued vacation and sick leave benefits for year ended June 30, 2025 is as follows:

Balance as of June 30, 2024	$ 31,112
Net decrease in the compensated absence liability during the reporting period	(3,833)
Balance as of June 30, 2025	$ 27,279

Note 6 – Lease Payable

The District has a lease agreement for office space in Santa Ynez, California beginning August 1, 2023 and expiring July 31, 2028. Monthly rent is $1,600. Annual rent expense under the lease is $19,200. An initial liability for lease payable was recorded at August 1, 2023 in the amount of $86,675 and was reduced by $16,528 during the year.

Future principal and interest lease payments as of June 30, 2025 were as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Lease Payable		
	Principal	Interest	Total Payments
2026	$ 17,243	$ 1,957	$ 19,200
2027	17,989	1,211	19,200
2028	18,766	434	19,200
2029	1,600	-	1,600
2030	-	-	-
	$ 55,598	$ 3,602	$ 59,200

Note 7 – Deferred Compensation Plans

The District offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457(b). Additionally, effective January 1, 2022 the District established a profit sharing plan created in accordance with IRC Section 401(a). The plans permits participating employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. The District annually contributes 100% of employee contributions up to 7% of employee compensation. During the year ended June 30, 2025, the District contributed $31,838 to the Plans.

All assets of the plans were placed in trusts for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. The requirements of the IRC Sections prescribes that the District no longer owns the amounts deferred by employees, including the related income on those amounts. Accordingly, the assets and the liability for the compensation deferred by plan participants, including earnings on plan assets, are not included in the District's financial statements.

Note 8 – Joint Powers Authorities

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area GSA (CMA)

The District is a participant with the City of Buellton and County of Santa Barbara Water Agency in a joint powers authority agreement to oversee the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requirements within the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. The Santa Ynez River Valley Basin

Central Management Area GSA (CMA), a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), was created for this purpose. The CMA is governed by a committee which is comprised of one representative from each participant. Voting is weighted as follows:

Participant	Board Representation
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	1 vote
City of Buellton	1 vote
Total	2 votes

The County of Santa Barbara Water Agency, and an Agricultural Representative Director are non-voting members of the CMA Board. All proposed actions or resolutions must be passed by an unanimous vote. Participating governments are required to pay their pro-rata share of the operating budget. The District also provides project management and other administrative support for the CMA. In December 2024, the CMA GSA entered into a Member Voluntary Contribution and Reimbursement Agreement with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District and the City of Buellton. Under this agreement participating members agreed to collectively fund eligible GSA costs. These contributions are subject to reimbursement from grant proceeds or other future GSA revenues. Financial statements for the CMA can be obtained from the CMA's administrative office at 3669 Sagunto Street, Suite 101, Santa Ynez, CA 93460.

Note 8 – Joint Powers Authorities (Continued)

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area GSA (WMA)

The District is a participant with the City of Lompoc, Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Mission Hills Community Services District and the County of Santa Barbara Water Agency in a joint powers authority agreement to oversee the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requirements within the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. The Santa Ynez River Valley Basin Western Management Area GSA (WMA), a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), was created for this purpose. The WMA is governed by a committee which is comprised of one representative from each participant. Voting is weighted as follows:

Participant	Board Representation
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	4 votes
City of Lompoc	2 votes
Vandenberg Village Community Services Distrct	1 vote
Mission Hills Community Services District	1 vote
Total	8 votes

The County of Santa Barbara Water Agency is a non-voting participant. Proposed actions or resolutions must be passed by a simple majority. Actions or resolutions to adopt budgets or any type of fee or charge require at least a 75 percent vote. Participating governments are required to pay all costs incurred. The District also provides project management and other administrative support for the WMA. In 2025, the WMA entered into a Cost Sharing and Reimbursement Agreement with its member agencies. Under this agreement, members provide funding for WMA operations and consultant services until a dedicated funding source is established. Member contributions are subject to reimbursement from available grant funding or other future WMA revenues. Financial statements for the WMA can be obtained from the WMA's administrative office at 3669 Sagunto Street, Suite 101, Santa Ynez, CA 93460.

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area GSA (EMA)

The District is a participant in the Eastern Management Area (EMA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), along with the City of Solvang, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1, the County of Santa Barbara Water Agency, and an Agricultural Director representing local groundwater users. The EMA GSA was established in FY24-25 to oversee the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requirements within the Eastern Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin. Voting was weighted as follows:

Note 8 – Joint Powers Authorities (Continued)

Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area GSA (EMA) (Continued)

Participant	Board Representation
County of Santa Barbara Water Agency	1 vote
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District	1 vote
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, ID#1	1 vote
City of Solvang	1 vote
Agricultural Director	1 vote
Total	5 votes

In July 2024, the EMA GSA entered into a Joint Powers of Authority agreement. The EMA GSA is governed by a committee comprised of one representative and an alternate from each participant. Each participant has one vote, and all actions are approved by a simple majority of the participants. Participating governments are required to pay their pro-rata share of the operating budget. The District provides project management and administrative support and participates in the oversight of professional services agreements, including the EMA GSA Executive Director, currently provided by Confluence Engineering Solutions. Financial reports can be obtained from the EMA Executive Director at ema@santaynezwater.org

Note 9 – Department of Water Resources Grant

In January 2023 the District was awarded a grant by the Department of Water Resources of the State of California (DWR), in an amount not-to-exceed $5,534,000 for the purpose of implementing SGMA as outlined in the groundwater sustainability plans for the WMA, CMA, and EMA Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. All grant funds received by the District are to be passed through to the three GSAs, except for a small reimbursement of administration costs which the District retains per the grant agreement. During the year ended June 30, 2025, the District submitted a total of $1,277,852 in charges to DWR for reimbursement. Of this amount, $970,100 was payable to the GSAs at June 30, 2025.

Note 10 – Contingencies

SWRCB Hearings

The District and other local water agencies are signatories to a 2001 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Cooperation in Research and Fish Maintenance – Santa Ynez River with various federal and state agencies concerning the fishery in Santa Ynez River below Bradbury Dam. In addition, the District along with those other local, state and federal agencies is involved in ongoing quasi-legal proceedings before the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding Cachuma Project permits held by the United States Bureau of Reclamation on behalf of the Cachuma Member Units, including the release of water stored in the Cachuma Project facilities to downstream reaches of the Santa Ynez River.

Note 10 – Contingencies (Continued)

SWRCB Hearings (Continued)

The District and these other local agencies are conducting studies and constructing fish projects on the Santa Ynez River and associated tributaries in connection with the 2000 Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service to Reclamation, Section 7 Re-consultation under the Endangered Species Act, the SWRCB proceedings and implementing the Lower Santa Ynez River Fish Management Plan, and the cost of those studies is a material annual expense of the District. The outcome of the re-consultation studies, Biological Opinions, and the SWRCB proceedings may affect the amount of water the District receives from the Cachuma Project in future years. The District is a participant in a Cooperation and Joint Defense Agreement and pays its direct costs of these activities.

In September 2019, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted a new Water Rights Order (WRO 2019-0148) which applies to the US Bureau of Reclamation operation of the Cachuma Project. As with previous SWRCB water rights orders, the District will maintain active advocacy and participation in the study, planning, and operational decisions of the Cachuma Project in order to ensure the preservation of the water rights belonging to downstream properties.

Note 11 – Claims

A single groundwater producer within the District presented the District with two claims for refund of ground water charges paid the District for production in 2024 and 2025. At present, it is not possible to predict the outcome of this matter, nor can the amount of potential loss, if any, be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, no provision for loss has been made in the accompanying financial statements. The District management, in consultation with legal counsel, will continue to evaluate this matter and will record a liability if and when an unfavorable outcome becomes probable and an amount can be reasonably estimated.

In addition, the District is involved in various other legal matters arising in the normal course of operations. Management, after consulting with legal counsel, believes that the ultimate resolution of these other matters will not have a material adverse impact on the financial statements.

Note 12 – Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 16, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplementary Information

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SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES - ACTUAL AND BUDGET
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Over/(Under)
Revenues:			
Ground water charges	$ 767,774	$ 700,668	$ 67,106
Property tax	427,127	375,950	51,177
Grant revenue	1,277,852	2,900,000	(1,622,148)
GSA administrative services	126,906	-	126,906
Unrealized gain	4,321	-	4,321
Interest income	102,069	48,000	54,069
Other revenue	372	-	372
Total revenues	2,706,421	4,024,618	(1,318,197)
Expenditures:			
Employee salaries	467,851	481,000	(13,149)
Employee benefits	72,912	56,000	16,912
Outside services	5,426	7,000	(1,574)
Office expense	29,565	55,370	(25,805)
Director fees	6,450	8,400	(1,950)
Travel	10,280	12,000	(1,720)
Accounting	18,090	20,000	(1,910)
Insurance and worker's comp	20,262	26,000	(5,738)
Dues and LAFCO fees	6,108	6,000	108
Legal	97,878	158,500	(60,622)
Engineering and environmental	32,689	37,000	(4,311)
Fishery - hydrology and consultants	34,065	60,500	(26,435)
Water rights	16,708	95,000	(78,292)
Groundwater charges program	121,965	105,630	16,335
Sustainable Groundwater Management Act	870	3,000	(2,130)
SGMA pass-through grant expenses	1,242,541	-	1,242,541
Special projects	26,155	50,000	(23,845)
Miscellaneous expense	-	1,000	(1,000)
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Debt service			
Principal	16,528	-	16,528
Interest	2,672	-	2,672
Total expenditures	2,229,015	1,182,400	1,046,615
Change in Fund Balance	$ 477,406	$ 2,842,218	$ (2,364,812)

Other Information

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 30, 2025

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Name	Position	Term Expires
Larry Lahr, President	Division 4	December 2026
Robert Dunlap	Division 1	December 2026
J. Brett Marymee, Vice President	Division 5	December 2026
Steven Jordan	Division 2	December 2028
Philip Carpenter	Division 3	December 2028

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors
Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December XX, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards.*

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Santa Barbara, California
December XX, 2025

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

Directors Present: None

Directors Absent: Philip Carpenter, Robert Dunlap, Steve Jordan, Larry Lahr, and Brett Marymee

Others Present, in-person: Board Secretary Amber Thompson, and Paeter Garcia

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Secretary Ms. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. No Directors were present so a quorum was not met.

Ms. Thompson kept the room open for 12 minutes, in case of late arrivals. Paeter Garcia was the only member of the public in attendance.

At 5:42 p.m., due to lack of quorum, Board Secretary Ms. Thompson adjourned the meeting, announced that it was adjourned to Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 5:30 pm, at Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California, and posted the Notice of Adjourned Meeting along with the Regular Meeting Agenda outside of the meeting location, in accordance with Gov. Code, § 54955.

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Larry Lahr, President Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

DRAFT - ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Properly noticed in accordance with Gov. Code, § 54956 a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California. At 5:30 p.m., there being a lack of quorum in attendance, the Board Secretary, Amber Thompson adjourned the meeting to Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California and posted a written Notice of Adjournment on the outside wall of the Council Chambers building, in accordance with Gov. Code, § 54955. There was one member of the public in attendance.

Properly noticed in accordance with Gov. Code, § 54955, an adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California

Directors Present: Philip Carpenter, Robert Dunlap, Steve Jordan, Larry Lahr, and Brett Marymee

Others Present (in-person): Bill Buelow, Paeter Garcia, Alex Pappas, and Amber Thompson

Others Present (teleconference): Steve Torigiani (Young Wooldridge)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Lahr called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Ms. Thompson called roll. All Directors were present providing a quorum.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Lahr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2025, Special Meetings of June 24, 2025 and August 12, 2025

b. Financial Reports FY 2024-25, Period 12, and FY 2025-26, Period 1

c. Warrant Lists for May, June, July, and August 2025

d. Quarterly Investment Report

Director Jordan made a **MOTION** to approve the Consent Agenda items, as presented. Director Marymee seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

6. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT, Status and Discussion on the following topics:

a. Surface Water Program

Mr. Pappas provided an update on the Surface Water Program including rainfall and reservoir report, La Nina forecast, and delays with the Biological Assessment. Discussion followed. There was no public comment.

b. Groundwater Program

Mr. Buelow provided an update on the January through June groundwater production reporting, preparation of December Groundwater Production Statements, and online database, reporting and payment system expected limited rollout in January 2026. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action was taken.

c. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

i. Receive updates for WMA, CMA, and EMA

Mr. Buelow reported out the following updates:

- WMA GSA's JPA Addendum to add an Agricultural Representative has been held up by the City of Lompoc but other Member Agencies are continuing to request a resolution of the issue.
- CMA GSA is looking at ways to reduce costs and lower the groundwater management fees including researching on a coalition of small GSAs of which the CMA qualifies.
- EMA GSA Agricultural Representative continues to request representation at the Member Agency representative meetings to participate in those discussions. The item is expected to be addressed at the upcoming EMA GSA Board meeting.

There was no public comment or action.

ii. Proposition 68 Grant Request for Extension Letter and Amendment

Mr. Buelow reported that he spoke to DWR representatives and submitted a letter requesting an extension amendment to the Prop. 68 Grant to extend the grant term through February 28, 2027. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and

no action was taken.

d. Introduction of Human Resources Attorney from AMMCG

Mr. Buelow reported that Molly Wilson of Adamski, Moroski, Madden, Cumberland, Green, LLP (AMMCG) is the District's new Human Resources Legal Counsel contracted through Young Wooldridge. There was no discussion, no public comment and no action.

e. Director Stipends for 2026

Mr. Torigiani explained limits and rules with changing Director stipends from $75 to $175 per meeting and $75 per committee meeting, as was requested by the Board during a prior meeting. The required resolution will be on the December 2025 meeting agenda for consideration. Discussion followed. There was no public comment and no action was taken.

7. CONSIDER SDRMA 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION PACKET AND APPROVE BALLOT SUBMITTAL

Ms. Thompson reported that SYRWCD could not submit a ballot as the submission deadline had passed. She announced the four SDRMA Directors that were elected to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2026. There was no discussion and no action was taken.

8. ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Torigiani reported on legislation, including a pending groundwater adjudication bill, and a pending Brown Act revision bill.

9. REPORTS, ACTS BY BOARD MEMBERS, QUESTIONS OF STAFF, STATUS REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, OBSERVATIONS, AND OTHER MATTERS, AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS NOT REQUIRING ACTION

There were no reports.

10. REQUESTS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There were no requests.

11. NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 16, 2025, 5:30 PM, AT BUELLTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 140 WEST HIGHWAY 246, BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA

The next regular meeting of the Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., at the Buellton City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The Board convened to Closed Session from 6:26 p.m. to 8:03 p.m. to discuss the following items:

a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1)): In the matter of Petition for Change of City of Solvang for Water Right Permit No. 15878 (Application A022423), which authorizes diversion of water from the Santa Ynez River (underflow) in Santa Barbara County, pending before the State Water Resources Control Board Office of Administrative Hearings.

b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2)): Significant exposure to litigation (Three Matters).

c. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(4)): Possible initiation of litigation (Two Matters).

d. Performance Evaluation of Public Employee (Gov. Code, § 54957(b)(1)) - Title: General Manager.

13. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION / CLOSED SESSION REPORT

At 8:03 p.m., the Board reconvened into Open Session. President Lahr reported no reportable action was taken.

14. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO SALARY / BENEFITS OF GENERAL MANAGER

Director Jordan made a **MOTION** to give William Buelow, General Manager, a 3% merit increase to his annual salary, retroactive to September 1, 2025. Director Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 by voice vote.

President Lahr announced the Board will continue with input on the employee evaluation of the General Manager at the December Board meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

President Lahr adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Larry Lahr, President

Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

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Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
Balance Sheet
As of October 31, 2025

	Oct 31, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1325-00 · Mechanics Checking #7071-01	601.30
1330-00 · Five Star Checking #5935	45,931.62
1340-05 · Mechanics #7311 (GW Revenue)	3,287.92
1345-00 · Five Star MM #5986	261,238.70
1350-01 · LAIF	798,955.68
1350-03 · California Class	1,227,414.94
1360-00 · LAIF/SBIF FMV Adjustment	-3,384.00
1374-00 · Prepaid Expenses	962.62
Total Checking/Savings	2,335,008.78
Accounts Receivable	
1500-00 · Accounts Receivable	333,853.89
Total Accounts Receivable	333,853.89
Other Current Assets	
1501-00 · Accounts Receivable - CMA Loan	218,875.54
1502-00 · Accounts Receivable - EMA Loan	112,438.75
1503-00 · Accounts Receivable - WMA Loan	231,124.46
Total Other Current Assets	562,438.75
Total Current Assets	3,231,301.42
Fixed Assets	
1504 · Grants Receivable	146,867.00
Total Fixed Assets	146,867.00
TOTAL ASSETS	**3,378,168.42**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2220-00 · Accounts Payable	41,435.00
Total Accounts Payable	41,435.00
Other Current Liabilities	
2225-00 · Accrued Payroll Taxes	4,150.51
2225-06 · Deferred Comp - Lincoln Nat'l	2,216.00
2225-07 · Medical Insurance Withheld	441.93
2250-02 · SGMA Funds Due to other Govts	89,583.46
Total Other Current Liabilities	96,391.90
Total Current Liabilities	137,826.90
Total Liabilities	137,826.90
Equity	
3200-00 · Unappropriated Reserves	2,376,336.95
32000 · Retained Earnings	726,878.37
Net Income	137,126.20
Total Equity	3,240,341.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**3,378,168.42**

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through October 2025

	Period 4		Fiscal Year-to-date TOTAL			
	Oct 25	Budget	Jul - Oct 25	Budget	$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
4500-00 · DWR Grant Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	11,869.00	11,000.00	869.00	107.9%
4600-00 · GSA Administrative Services	4,228.50	3,000.00	22,787.00	16,000.00	6,787.00	142.42%
4910-00 · Ground Water Charges	11,670.92	4,000.00	378,786.67	364,000.00	14,786.67	104.06%
4930-00 · SB County Property Taxes	0.00	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00	-17,000.00	0.0%
4934-00 · Interest Income, all sources	5,439.78	5,250.00	31,679.80	24,000.00	7,679.80	132.0%
4937-00 · Miscellaneous Income	2,832.43	0.00	2,949.62	0.00	2,949.62	100.0%
Total Income	24,171.63	29,250.00	448,072.09	432,000.00	16,072.09	103.72%
Gross Profit	24,171.63	29,250.00	448,072.09	432,000.00	16,072.09	103.72%
Expense						
5500-00 · Employee Compensation	38,525.12	37,795.00	152,431.94	151,180.00	1,251.94	100.83%
5505-00 · Payroll (SS and Medicare)	2,590.67	3,180.00	11,373.45	12,720.00	-1,346.55	89.41%
5506-00 · Employee Benefits	3,884.51	4,000.00	15,634.64	15,860.00	-225.36	98.58%
5507-00 · Retirement Costs	2,719.45	2,645.50	10,656.07	10,582.00	74.07	100.7%
5512-00 · Outside Staff Support	955.00	540.00	2,530.00	2,030.00	500.00	124.63%
5513-00 · Director Fees	0.00	550.00	600.00	1,300.00	-700.00	46.15%
5513-50 · Director Fees SGMA	0.00	150.00	300.00	1,500.00	-1,200.00	20.0%
5514-00 · Ground Water Charges Admin	7,487.50	8,000.00	11,862.02	32,000.00	-20,137.98	37.07%
5514-01 · GW Chgs Admin - Zone A	70.00		760.00			
5514-02 · GW Chgs Admin - Zone B	0.00		20.00			
5514-04 · GW Chgs Admin - Zone C	40.00		95.00			
5514-05 · GW Chgs Admin - Zone D	0.00		285.00			
5514-06 · GW Chgs Admin - Zone E	0.00		35.00			
5514-07 · GW Chgs Admin - Zone F	0.00		15.00			
5521-00 · Office Supplies - Incl Computer	541.53	500.00	4,334.40	1,985.00	2,349.40	218.36%
5522-00 · IT Services	238.83	250.00	913.83	875.00	38.83	104.44%
5523-00 · Communications	656.37	350.00	5,287.65	4,050.00	1,237.65	130.56%
5524-00 · Travel & Training	172.34	2,500.00	5,608.22	11,000.00	-5,391.78	50.98%
5527-00 · Audit/Accounting	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,500.00	-3,500.00	0.0%
5529-00 · Insurance, Bonds, Worker's Comp	0.00	0.00	21,306.66	24,150.00	-2,843.34	88.23%
5530-00 · Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	25.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.0%
5531-00 · Dues	0.00	0.00	35.64	300.00	-264.36	11.88%
5540-00 · LAFCO Cost	0.00	0.00	1,001.00	1,000.00	1.00	100.1%
5560-00 · Office Occupancy	2,093.65	2,050.00	8,334.21	8,450.00	-115.79	98.63%
5570-00 · Records Services	331.33	180.00	862.13	880.00	-17.87	97.97%
5590-00 · Credit Card Processing Fees	11.65	10.00	232.02	175.00	57.02	132.58%
5600-20 · SGMA WMA	182.20	150.00	810.00	730.00	80.00	110.96%
5600-30 · SGMA CMA	15.40	150.00	-325.66	400.00	-725.66	-81.42%
5600-40 · SGMA EMA	4.90	150.00	-135.88	300.00	-435.88	-45.29%
5600-90 · SGMA Legal	3,080.00	2,500.00	4,396.25	5,200.00	-803.75	84.54%
5626-00 · Legal - General Counsel	594.30	3,000.00	7,107.06	8,000.00	-892.94	88.84%
5626-08 · Legal - Upper SYR Ops	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5626-12 · Legal - WR 2019-0148 Decision	650.00	3,000.00	3,201.25	9,000.00	-5,798.75	35.57%
5626-14 · Legal - Fisheries	1,300.00	500.00	1,300.00	1,000.00	300.00	130.0%
5626-20 · Legal - HR	162.50	225.00	292.50	700.00	-407.50	41.79%
5626-50 · Legal - GW Program	1,625.00	600.00	1,787.50	2,100.00	-312.50	85.12%
5626-60 · Legal - Assessments/Charges	3,361.25	20,000.00	16,561.25	20,000.00	-3,438.75	82.81%

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through October 2025

	Period 4		Fiscal Year-to-date TOTAL			
	Oct 25	Budget	Jul - Oct 25	Budget	$ Over Budget	% of Budget
5633-00 · Engineer - General & Misc	537.25	670.00	1,156.63	1,640.00	-483.37	70.53%
5633-01 · Annual G.W. Report	0.00	0.00	35.59	0.00	35.59	100.0%
5633-02 · WR 89-18 Operations (WRR)	3,059.50	10,000.00	6,201.25	22,000.00	-15,798.75	28.19%
5633-08 · Upper SYR Operations	105.50	200.00	105.50	400.00	-294.50	26.38%
5633-12 · WR 2019-0148 Decision,	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	2,400.00	-2,400.00	0.0%
5633-14 · Fisheries Hydrology	334.25	1,440.00	1,623.50	3,480.00	-1,856.50	46.65%
5633-16 · Special Studies	0.00	1,000.00	5,638.75	7,500.00	-1,861.25	75.18%
5633-20 · Rate Study	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
5700-00 · Contengencies All Zones General	1,732.52	4,166.66	1,732.52	16,666.72	-14,934.20	10.4%
5700-10 · Tenant Improvements	4,944.00		4,944.00			
Total Expense	82,006.52	119,677.16	310,945.89	391,103.72	-80,157.83	79.51%
Net Ordinary Income	-57,834.89	-90,427.16	137,126.20	40,896.28	96,229.92	335.3%
Net Income	**-57,834.89**	**-90,427.16**	**137,126.20**	**40,896.28**	**96,229.92**	**335.3%**

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

(REF. CGC 53646 (B) (1) AND 53646 (E))

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

1ST QUARTER, FY 2025-26

JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2025

Certification is hereby provided that:

A. All investment actions executed during the last quarter have been made in full compliance with the Investment Policy; and,

B. Sufficient funds exist so that the District will meet its expenditure obligations for the next six months as required by CGC 53646 (b) (2) and (3), respectively.

CERTIFICATION:

William J. Buelow, General Manager and Treasurer

12/10/25
Date

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SEPTEMBER 2025 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL
(Account held at Five Star Bank)

NUMBER	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
1447	9/1/2025	Jim Heyerly	September 2025 Rent	$	1,600.00
ACH	9/3/2025	Payroll	August 16-31, 2025 Salary	$	11,738.79
ACH	9/3/2025	Philip Carpenter	Meeting: 8/12/25	$	69.26
ACH	9/3/2025	Stepen Jordan	Meetings: 8/12/25; 8/28/25 EMA	$	138.52
ACH	9/3/2025	Larry Lahr	Meeting: 8/12/25	$	69.26
ACH	9/3/2025	J. Brett Marymee	Meetings 8/28/25 EMA	$	69.26
ACH	9/3/2025	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (August 16-31, 2025)	$	747.16
ACH	9/3/2025	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (August 16-31, 2025)	$	5,071.36
ACH	8/27/2025	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial 8/31/25)	$	615.93
ACH	8/27/2025	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (8/31/25) & Employer Match (partial 8/31/25)	$	2,923.84
ACH	9/5/2025	Pacific Gas & Electric	July-August 2025 Electric Service	$	132.69
1448	9/7/2025	J. Brett Marymee	Expense Reimbursement, August 2025 mileage. UWI Conference	$	121.00
1449	9/7/2025	Hawkins Pappas	August 2025 Staff Support and GW Database	$	672.40
1450	9/7/2025	Stetson Engineers	July 2025 Engineering Service	$	2,626.25
1451	9/7/2025	US Bank Corp	August 2025 CalCard	$	2,349.26
1452	9/7/2025	Valley Bookkeeping Services	August 2025 Bookkeeping	$	475.00
ACH	9/17/2025	SDRMA	Employee Benefits: October 2025 Medical and Ancillary Insurance	$	4,788.65
ACH	9/17/2025	Payroll	September 1-15, 2025 Salary	$	11,903.13
ACH	9/17/2025	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (September 1-15, 2025)	$	751.77
ACH	9/17/2025	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (September 1-15, 2025)	$	5,065.88
ACH	9/18/2025	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial 9/15/25)	$	615.93
ACH	9/18/2025	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (9/15/25) & Employer Match (partial 9/15/25)	$	2,922.84
Transfer	9/23/2025	WMA GSA	Loan Contribution 1 of 2 for FY 25-26. $125,000 request. Applied $43,875.53 credit for GSP Action Plan expenses paid by SYRWCD which was reimbursed by Prop 68 Grant.	$	43,875.54
ACH	9/23/2025	WMA GSA	Loan Contribution 2 of 2 for FY 25-26. Balance due of $125,000 request.	$	81,124.46
1453		see October 2025 Warrant List		$	-
1454	9/26/2025	VOID	printing error	$	-
1455	9/26/2025	County of Santa Barbara	IRWM Participation Cost (1/1/25-6/30/25)	$	35.64
1456	9/26/2025	Onsite Computers and Design	Technology Services and annual software licenses	$	1,241.86
1457	9/26/2025	Young Wooldridge	August 2025 Legal Service	$	9,478.95
				TOTAL	**$ 191,224.63**

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
OCTOBER 2025 WARRANT LIST FOR BOARD APPROVAL
(Account held at Five Star Bank)

NUMBER	DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
1453	10/1/2025	Jim Heyerly	October 2025 Rent	$	1,600.00
1454-1457		see September 2025 Warrant List		$	-
ACH	10/2/2025	Payroll	September 16-30, 2025 Salary	$	11,903.13
ACH	10/2/2025	Philip Carpenter	Meeting: 9/30/25	$	69.26
ACH	10/2/2025	Robert Dunlap	Meeting: 9/30/25	$	69.26
ACH	10/2/2025	Stepen Jordan	Meetings: 9/30/255; 9/25/25 EMA	$	138.52
ACH	10/2/2025	Larry Lahr	Meeting: 9/30/25	$	69.26
ACH	10/2/2025	J. Brett Marymee	Meetings 9/30/25; 9/25/25 EMA	$	138.52
ACH	10/2/2025	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (Sept. 16-31, 2025)	$	751.77
ACH	10/3/2025	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (Sept. 16-31, 2025)	$	5,146.24
ACH	10/3/2025	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial 9/30/25)	$	615.93
ACH	9/5/2025	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (9/30/25) & Employer Match (partial 9/30/25)	$	2,922.84
1448	9/7/2025	Pacific Gas & Electric	August-September 2025 Electric Service	$	98.93
ACH	10/14/2025	Payroll	September 1-30, 2025 salary owed due to Board approved retroactive salary increase	$	461.42
ACH	10/3/2025	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match owed (9/15/25 & 9/30/25 payrolls) due to Board approved retroactive salary increase	$	36.95
ACH	10/15/2025	SDRMA	Employee Benefits: November 2025 Medical and Ancillary Insurance	$	4,788.65
1458	10/15/2025	Inklings	Groundwater statements, pamplet, and pre-printed envelopes. 47th Annual Report - 3 printed sets.	$	1,210.26
1459	10/15/2025	Hawkins Pappas	September 2025 General Staff Support and Groundwater Database Support	$	631.50
1460	10/15/2025	Young Wooldridge	September 2025 Legal Service	$	6,272.98
1461	10/15/2025	Onsite Computers and Design	Technology Services, purchase and install new monitor, and Adobe Acrobat annual licenses	$	1,451.52
1462	10/15/2025	Stetson Engineers	August 2025 Engineering Service	$	4,957.72
1463	10/15/2025	US Bank Corp	September 2025 CalCard - includes United Water Conference attendance expenses for Director Marymee and General Manager (Aug. 19-22, 2025)	$	4,387.43
1464	10/15/2025	Valley Bookkeeping Services	September 2025 Bookkeeping	$	475.00
1465	10/15/2025	Tri County Office Furniture	Ergonomic office/task chairs (deposit)	$	1,651.27
1466	10/15/2025	VOID	Pritnt error	$	-
1467		see November 2025 Warrant List			
1468	10/15/2025	Snow Custom Flooring	Tenant Improvements: Flooring replacement back part of suite - remove old allergen filled carpet and install plank flooring (Approved by Landlord)	$	4,614.00
ACH	10/16/2025	Payroll	October 1-15, 2025 Salary	$	12,056.54
ACH	10/16/2025	Employment Development Dept.	EDD Tax Deposit (October 1-15, 2025)	$	778.77
ACH	10/16/2025	Five Star Bank (Payroll Acct)	Payroll Tax Deposit (October 1-15, 2025)	$	5,276.54
ACH	10/23/2025	Lincoln Financial Group	401a Plan Employer Match (partial 10/15/25)	$	634.41
ACH	10/23/2025	Lincoln Financial Group	457 Plan Employee Deferred Comp. (10/15/25) & Employer Match (partial 10/15/25)	$	2,922.84
			TOTAL	**$**	**76,131.46**

STAFF MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2025

TO: SYRWCD Board of Directors

FROM: Bill Buelow, General Manager Amber Thompson, Secretary to the Board

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8 - Appointments of Board Representatives

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The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize the need to (1) appoint two SYRWCD representatives to each of the three Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Santa Ynez Basin and (2) designate representatives to certain membership associations. The three GSAs were formed under Joint Powers Agreements (JPA). There are a minimum of four meetings per year for each GSA. Additional special meetings may be called as needed. **Each of these designated appointments will have the authority to vote on issues for that organization on behalf of SYRWCD**. The schedule of meetings and current representation are summarized below.

A. Central Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director

The Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (SYRVGB) Central Management Area GSA JPA Board of Directors have **regular meetings scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on the fourth (4th) Monday of February, May, August, and November.** Meetings are held at the Buellton City Council Chambers in Buellton. Currently, Director Dunlap is serving as the primary Representative and Director Marymee as the Alternate.

ACTION: Consider Resolution No. 737

B. Eastern Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director

The SYRVGB Eastern Management Area GSA JPA Board of Directors have **regular meetings scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on the fourth (4th) Thursday of February, May, August, and November.** Meetings are held at the Santa Ynez Community Services District meeting room in Santa Ynez. Currently, Director Marymee is serving as the primary Representative and Director Jordan as the Alternate.

ACTION: Consider Resolution No. 738

C. Western Management Area GSA JPA: Director and Alternate Director

The SYRVGB Western Management Area GSA JPA Board of Directors have **regular meetings scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of February, May, August, and November.** Meetings are held at the Vandenberg Village Community Services District board room in Lompoc. Currently, Director Jordan is serving as the primary Representative and Director Dunlap as the Alternate.

ACTION: Consider Resolution No. 739

D. California Special District Association (CSDA): Representative

The District is a member of California Special District Association (CSDA). Either a director or a Staff member may serve as the District's representative for CSDA. There is no requirement to attend meetings. Currently the Board President, Director Larry Lahr, has the authority to vote on CSDA items on behalf of the District.

ACTION: Designate a Director or the General Manager as the District's representative to CSDA, effective immediately.

E. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the CSDA: Representative and Alternate

The District is a member of the Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special District Association (SBCCSDA). A District representative and alternate representative may be a Director or an employee. The SBCCSDA holds regular meetings (educational dinner meetings) **on the fourth Monday of the month at various locations within Santa Barbara County.** There is no requirement to attend meetings. Currently, Director Marymee is serving as the primary Representative and Director Carpenter as the Alternate.

ACTION: Designate a Director or the General Manager as the District's representative and/or alternate to the SBCCSDA, effective immediately.

F. Urban Water Institute: Designate Director

The District is a member of the Urban Water Institute (UWI). Every member of the UWI, in good standing, has a seat available on the UWI Board of Directors. To participate on the UWI Board of Directors, a SYRWCD Director must be designated by the SYRWCD Board to fill the seat. **The UWI Board meets semi-annually during the Spring and Fall at UWI Conferences in various locations in California.** Currently, Director Marymee is serving as the primary Representative.

ACTION: Designate a SYRWCD Director to be considered for a seat as a Director for the UWI Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Attached: 2025 SYRWCD Appointments to Boards, Representatives for District

Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District

2025 - Appointments to Boards, Representative for District

	Director Philip Carpenter Pcarpenter@SYRWCD.com	**Director Robert Dunlap** Rdunlap@SYRWCD.com	**Director Steve Jordan** Sjordan@SYRWCD.com	**Director Larry Lahr** Llahr@SYRWCD.com	**Director J. Brett Marymee** BMarymee@SYRWCD.com	**William Buelow, GM** Bbuelow@SYRWCD.com
Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA Board of Directors (CMA GSA)	-	Director	-	-	Alternate Director	Plan Manager Member Agency Staff Rep
Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA Board of Directors (EMA GSA)	-	-	Alternate Director	-	Director	Member Agency Staff Rep
Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency JPA Board of Directors (WMA GSA)	Alternate Director	-	Director	-	-	Member Agency Staff Rep
California Special District Association (CSDA)	-	-	-	Representative	-	-
Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special District Association (SBCCSDA)	Alternate Representative	-	-	-	Representative	-
Urban Water Institute (UWI)	-	-	-	-	Representative	-

as of April 23, 2025

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RESOLUTION NO. 737

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPOINTING BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY JOINT POWERS AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement ("Agreement") has been made by and between the City of Buellton ("City"); the Santa Barbara County Water Agency ("County"); and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ("District"); for the purpose of forming a separate entity pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code § 6500, et seq.) to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that this entity shall be known as the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("CMA GSA"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the CMA GSA shall be governed by a Board of Directors ("Board") consisting of one representative Director appointed from each of the Members of the CMA GSA (City; County; District); and an Agricultural Representative; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides that each of the Members shall have the right to appoint an Alternate to act as a substitute Director; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The District finds that the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and they are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Appointment of Director. _____ is hereby appointed as a Director to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors, subject to the Agreement being executed by all Members and becoming effective.

Section 3. Appointment of Alternate Director. _____ is hereby appointed as an Alternate Director to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Central Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors to act as a substitute Director, subject to the Agreement being executed by all Members and becoming effective.

The foregoing resolution being on motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, was authorized by the following roll call vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors:

NOES, Directors:

ABSENT/ABSTAINING, Directors:

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution of said district as duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District at a regular meeting held on the 16th of December 2025.

_____ _____

Larry Lahr, President Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 738

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPOINTING BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY JOINT POWERS AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement ("Agreement") has been made by and between the City of Solvang ("City"); the Santa Barbara County Water Agency ("County"); the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ("District"); and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, Improvement District No. 1 ("Improvement District") for the purpose of forming a separate entity pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code § 6500, et seq.) to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that this entity shall be known as the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("EMA GSA"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the EMA GSA shall be governed by a Board of Directors ("Board") consisting of one representative Director appointed from each of the Members of the EMA GSA (City; County; District; Improvement District); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides that each of the Members shall have the right to appoint an Alternate to act as a substitute Director; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement requires said representatives be appointed by adoption of a Resolution by each of the Members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The District finds that the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and they are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Appointment of Director. _____ is hereby appointed as a Director to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors, subject to the Agreement being executed by all Members and becoming effective.

Section 3. Appointment of Alternate Director. _____ is hereby appointed as an Alternate Director to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors to act

as a substitute Director, subject to the Agreement being executed by all Members and becoming effective.

The foregoing resolution being on motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, was authorized by the following roll call vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors:

NOES, Directors:

ABSENT/ABSTAINING, Directors:

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution of said district as duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District at a regular meeting held on the 16th of December 2025.

_____ _____

Larry Lahr, President Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 739

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPOINTING BOARD REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILTY JOINT POWERS AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement ("Agreement") has been made by and between the City of Lompoc ("City"); the Santa Barbara County Water Agency ("County"); the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District ("District"); the Mission Hills Community Services District (MHCSD) and the Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD) for the purpose of forming a separate entity pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code § 6500, et seq.) to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that this entity shall be known as the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("WMA GSA"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides that the WMA GSA shall be governed by a Board of Directors ("Board") consisting of one representative Director appointed from each of the Members of the WMA GSA (City; County; District; MHCSD; VVCSD); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement further provides that each of the Members shall have the right to appoint an Alternate to act as a substitute Director; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The District finds that the Recitals set forth above are true and correct and they are incorporated herein and made an operative part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Appointment of Director. _____ is hereby appointed as a Director to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors, subject to the Agreement being executed by all Members and becoming effective.

Section 3. Appointment of Alternate Director. _____ is hereby appointed as an Alternate Director to the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Western Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors to act as a substitute Director, subject to the Agreement being executed by all Members and becoming effective.

The foregoing resolution being on motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, was authorized by the following roll call vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors:

NOES, Directors:

ABSENT/ABSTAINING, Directors:

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution of said district as duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District at a regular meeting held on the 16th of December 2025.

_____ _____

Larry Lahr, President Amber M. Thompson, Secretary

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Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street ◆ Santa Barbara CA 93101
805/568-3391 ◆ FAX 805/568-2249
www.sblafco.org ◆ lafco@sblafco.org

November 3, 2025

TO: Members of the Independent Special District Selection Committee

SUBJECT: Nominations for one Regular Special District Member to Santa Barbara LAFCO;

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AND NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR LAFCO

REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBERS

This is a Call for Nominations of one Regular Special District Member to serve as the special district members on LAFCO. It is recommended that this be placed on your Board's Agenda. The Committee is made up of the presiding officer of each district; however, if a presiding officer is unable to participate, a district board may appoint one of its members as an alternate to participate in the presiding officer's place, a copy of the meeting minutes showing the appointment needs to be presented along with your nomination form.

A Nomination Form is attached and must be filled out and signed by the presiding officer of a district or, if that person is unable to participate, then by his or her alternate as designated by the district board. (See GC § 56332.) Nominations are requested by no later than January 2, 2026.

1. **Nominations for one LAFCO Regular Special District Member.** The current term of office of the current Regular Special District Member ends on March 1, 2026. The term of office shall be four years or until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor. The new term of office ends on March 1, 2030.

2. **Voting Requirements.** The Independent Special District Selection Committee consist of the presiding officer of the legislative body of each independent special district. If the presiding officer of an independent special district is unable to participate in the nomination process or an election, the legislative body of the district may appoint one of its members as an alternate to participate in the presiding officer's place. A copy of the meeting minutes showing the appointment needs to be presented along with your nomination form and future ballot.

Commissioners: Roger Aceves ◆ Craig Geyer ◆ Joan Hartmann ◆ Dorinne Johnson ◆ James Kyriaco ◆ Roy Lee ◆ Jorge Magana ◆ James Mosby ◆ Bob Nelson ◆ Alice Patino, Chair ◆ Shane Stark, Vice-Chair **Executive Officer:** Mike Prater

3. **Nomination Period and Voting Period.** The Nomination Period will end on January 2, 2026. Following the nomination period, unless there is only one nominee for a seat, ballots containing the names of quailified nominees will be mailed to each eligible special district. The voting period will be up to to 45-days.

4. **Quorum; Majority Vote; Possible Runoff Election.** There are 38 special districts. For the election to be valid, at least 19 valid votes must be received. Election shall be by a majority of those voting, and not by plurality. In the event that a nominee does not receive a majority of votes cast, a runoff election shall be held between the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes.

Notice: There will be no election if pursuant to Government Code section 56332(c)(2), "[at] the end of the nomination period, if only one candidate is nominated for a vacant seat, that candidate shall be deemed appointed" to the Commission.

Nominations for one Regular Special District Member should be submitted to the LAFCO Executive Officer, at the following address or emailed by **January 2, 2026** Nomination Forms are attached to this notice.

Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101
Email Address: lafco@sblafco.org

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Prater
Executive Officer

Enc.

SANTA BARBARA
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOMINATION FOR <u>REGULAR</u> SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER *Return to*: Executive Officer Santa Barbara LAFCO 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407 Santa Barbara CA 93101 or FAX to (805) 568-2249 or email to lafco@sblafco.org	LAFCO STAFF USE Date Received: _____

Please print in ink or type

POSITION SOUGHT: Regular Special District Member

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

NOMINEE'S DISTRICT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

_____

_____

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Phone: Bus. _____. Cell: _____

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR:

_____
Name of Independent Special District

_____
Signature

_____.
Print Name

Nominator Title (please check one)

☐ Presiding Officer of the Special District Board

☐ Presiding Officer's alternate as designated by Special District Board to vote or make a nomination in this election. (Gov. Code sec. 56332.)

Date: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: On this form or an accompanying letter, describe the nominee's personal interests, qualifications, experience, education, volunteer activities or community organization memberships that may bear on the nomination for the Regular Special District Member: This information will be distributed to all independent special districts.

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 16, 2025

TO: Larry Lahr, Phil Carpenter, Robert Dunlap, Brett Marymee, Steve Jordan

FROM: Alex Pappas

SUBJECT: December 2025 Surface Water Program Report

AGENDA ITEM 10 (a)

The surface water program report includes a summary of climatic, down-stream accounting, operations at Cachuma, the proposed valve replacement project status and USBR Biological Assessment.

Rainfall: Cachuma Damn year total to date: 10.38 inches, which is 313% of normal to date, and 52% of annual average. Antecedent index are moderate on both ends of the basin.

Down Stream Accounting (as of Oct, 2025)**:**

- **Dewatered Storage: ANA:** 20,254 acre-feet (AF); **BNA:** 14,872 AF
- **Water-Rights Release Credits: ANA:** 13,780 AF; **BNA:** 5,384 AF

Cachuma Daily Operations: (as of Dec. 10, 2025):

- **Reservoir Elevation:** 737.1 ft
- **Reservoir Storage:** 147,374 AF (76%)

Valve Replacement Project by the USBR

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)is planning to replace the two existing 30-inch valves at the Bradbury dam at Lake Cachuma.

The District is monitoring the progress of this project to ensure it does not interfere with the ability to conduct a water-rights release when and if requested by the District.

USBR Cachuma Biological Assessment

The USBR indicated that it will continue developing a draft Biological Assessment (BA). District staff will participate on the Cachuma Biological Assessment Ad Hoc Committee, which will review the BA and coordinate with Reclamation as the document progresses.

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Rainfall and Reservoir Summary

Updated 8am: 12/8/2025 **Water Year: 2026** **Storm Number: NA**

Notes: Daily rainfall amounts are recorded as of 8am for the previous 24 hours. Rainfall units are expressed in inches.
All data on this page are from automated sensors, are preliminary, and subject to verification.
*Each Water Year (WY) runs from Sept 1 through Aug 31 and is designated by the calendar year in which it ends
County Real-Time Rainfall and Reservoir Website link ➢ https://rain.cosbpw.net

Rainfall	ID	24 hrs	Storm 0day(s)	Month	Year*	% to Date	% of Year*	AI
Buellton (Fire Stn)	*233*	0.01	0.00	0.01	8.30	287%	50%	
Cachuma Dam (USBR)	*332*	0.00	0.00	0.01	10.23	313%	52%	
Carpinteria (Fire Stn)	*208*	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.14	299%	53%	
Cuyama (Fire Stn)	*436*	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.82	248%	50%	
Figueroa Mtn (USFS Stn)	*421*	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.31	271%	53%	6.8
Gibraltar Dam (City Facility)	*230*	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.50	288%	44%	6.8
Goleta (Fire Stn-Los Carneros)	*440*	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.08	301%	55%	
Lompoc (City Hall)	*439*	0.00	0.00	0.01	6.27	237%	42%	7.9
Los Alamos (Fire Stn)	*204*	0.01	0.00	0.01	7.16	274%	47%	
San Marcos Pass (USFS Stn)	*212*	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.53	328%	57%	
Santa Barbara (County Bldg)	*234*	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.59	369%	63%	
Santa Maria (City Pub.Works)	*380*	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.95	283%	52%	
Santa Ynez (Fire Stn /Airport)	*218*	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.43	305%	54%	
Sisquoc (Fire Stn)	*256*	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.72	242%	45%	

Countywide percentage of "Normal-to-Date" rainfall : 289%

Countywide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall : 51%

Countywide percentage of "Normal Water-Year" rainfall calculated assuming no more rain through Aug. 31, 2026 (End of WY2026).

AI (Antecedent Index / Soil Wetness)
6.0 and below = Wet (min. = 2.5)
6.1 - 9.0 = Moderate
9.1 and above = Dry (max. = 12.5)

Reservoirs

Reservoir Elevations referenced to NGVD-29.
**Cachuma is full and subject to spilling at elevation 750 ft.
However, the lake is surcharged to 753 ft. for fish release water.
(Cachuma water storage based on Dec 2021 capacity revision)

Click on Site for Real-Time Readings	Spillway Elev. (ft)	Current Elev. (ft)	Max. Storage (ac-ft)	Current Storage (ac-ft)	Current Capacity (%)	Storage Change Mo.(ac-ft)	Storage Change Year*(ac-ft)
Gibraltar Reservoir	1,400.00	1,386.08	4,490	1,730	36.9%	100	450
Cachuma Reservoir	753.**	737.05	192,978	147,478	76.4%	-365	-5,689
Jameson Reservoir	2,224.00	2,219.20	4,587	4,054	83.6%	13	-166
Twitchell Reservoir	Twitchell Reservoir level has dropped below the sensor, data no longer available.						

Previous Rainfall and Reservoir Summaries

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Bradbury Dam Field Office

Lake Cachuma Daily Operations

Run Date: December 11, 2025

December 2025

Day[1]	Lake Cachuma				Rainfall		Evaporation[3]		CCWA Inflow	Release						Computed Inflow[5]
	Elevation	Storage[2]	Change in Storage	Surface Area						Park Use	Tunnel	Hilton Creek	WR 89-18	Outlet[4]	Spillway	
SHEF Tag→	HL	LS	LC		PP	PPAF	EV	EVAF	QICCWA		QUTEC	QUHIL	QUWATR	QU	QS	QI
	ft	*acre-feet*	*acre-feet*	*acres*	*inches*	*acre-feet*	*inches*	*acre-feet*	*acre-feet*	*acre-feet*	*acre-feet*	*acre-feet*	*acre-feet*	*acre-feet*	*acre-feet*	*acre-feet*
30	*737.20*	*147,869*														
1	737.19	147,843	(26.0)	2,591.6	-	-	0.010	1.43	-	-	23.15	12.50	-	15.00	-	26.07
2	737.17	147,790	(52.0)	2,591.0	-	-	0.120	17.10	-	-	25.59	12.50	-	16.00	-	19.18
3	737.15	147,738	(52.0)	2,590.4	-	-	0.060	8.55	-	-	28.19	12.51	-	15.00	-	12.23
4	737.13	147,686	(52.0)	2,589.7	-	-	0.040	5.70	-	-	28.52	12.48	-	16.00	-	10.68
5	737.12	147,660	(26.0)	2,589.4	-	-	0.100	14.24	-	-	29.05	12.49	-	15.00	-	44.77
6	737.09	147,582	(78.0)	2,588.5	-	-	0.080	11.39	-	-	26.12	12.45	-	16.00	-	(12.07)
7	737.07	147,530	(52.0)	2,587.9	-	-	0.050	7.12	-	-	28.19	12.45	-	15.00	-	10.73
8	737.05	147,478	(52.0)	2,587.3	-	-	0.050	7.12	-	-	37.63	12.47	-	16.00	-	21.19
9	737.02	147,400	(78.0)	2,586.4	-	-	0.110	15.65	-	-	36.62	12.47	-	16.00	-	2.71
10	737.01	147,374	(26.0)	2,586.1	-	-	0.070	9.96	9.57	-	37.15	12.44	-	15.00	-	38.96
11	737.00	147,348	(26.0)	2,585.8	-	-	0.080	11.38	9.90	-	37.10	12.45	-	15.00	-	40.02
Total			**(520.19)**		**-**	**-**	**0.770**	**109.62**	**19.47**	**-**	**337.30**	**137.21**	**-**	**170.00**	**-**	**214.47**
Minimum	737.00	147,348	(78.03)	2,585.81	-	-	0.010	1.43	-	-	23.15	12.44	-	15.00	-	(12.07)
Average	737.09	147,585	(47.29)	2,588.56	-	-	0.070	9.97	1.77	-	30.66	12.47	-	15.45	-	19.50
Maximum	737.19	147,843	(26.01)	2,591.56	-	-	0.120	17.10	9.90	-	37.63	12.51	-	16.00	-	44.77

Comments

1. Data based on 24-hour period ending 0800
2. Storage volume based on 2021 bathymetric survey.
3. Evaporation in inches is the measured pan evaporation. Calculated evaporation in acre feet uses the December pan fac 66%
4. Indicated outlet release includes any leakage around gates.
5. Computed inflow is the sum of change in storage, releases, and evaporation minus precip on the reservoir surface and CCWA inflow.

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LAKE CACHUMA DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Data for 12/11/2025

Run date: 12/11/2025

Lake Cachuma

		Today	Cumulative to Date	
			December	WY 2026
Reservoir Elevation	ft	737.00		
Storage	af	147,348.3		
Change in Storage	af	(26.0)	(520.19)	(520.19)
Lake Storage Capacity	af	193,000.0		
Percent of Storage Capacity	%	76%		
Computed Inflow	af	40.0	214.5	2,712.2

Water year type based on cumulative flow to date **Critical (WYTD < 4,550)**

Releases

		Today	Cumulative to Date	
			December	WY 2026
Tecolote Tunnel	af	37.10	337.30	4,025.45
Hilton Creek	af	12.45	137.21	896.24
Bradbury Dam Outlet	af	15.00	170.00	1,160.00
Water Rights 89-18	af	-	-	-
Spillway	af	-	-	-

CCWA Inflow

		Today	Cumulative to Date	
			December	WY 2026
CCWA Inflow	af	9.90	19.47	95.87

Evaporation, Precipitation, and Temperatures

		Today	Cumulative to Date	
			December	WY 2026
Evaporation	in	0.08	0.77	8.36
	af	11.38	109.62	1,318.99
Rain	in	-	-	10.38
	af	-	-	2,225.78
Temperature, minimum	°F	48.00	37.00	35.00
Temperature, maximum	°F	85.00	85.00	95.00

USGS Streamgage Monitoring

		Yesterday	Cumulative through Yesterday		
			December	WY 2026	Migration Dec 1 to May 31
Hwy 154 (11126400)	cfs	13.00			
	af	25.79	278.1	1,895.2*	278.1
Solvang (11128500)	cfs	13.70			
	af	27.17	330.3	3,341.7*	330.3
Salsipuedes (11132500)	cfs	1.18			
	af	2.34	45.7	574.2*	45.7
Narrows (11133000)	cfs	20.80			
	af	41.26	511.1	2,608.6*	511.1

Reclamation readings are taken at 8:00 a.m. daily.
Flow volumes, meteorological data, and change in storage reflect the 24 hours preceding 8:00 a.m.
USGS readings are 0001 hr to 2400 hr yesterday
* USGS streamgage data are missing for one or more dates in specified timeframe

GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

(DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES) AND

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AGREEMENT NUMBER 4600015625

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the Department of Water Resources of the State of California, herein referred to as the "State" or “DWR” and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (WCD), a Public Agency in the State of California, duly organized, existing, and acting pursuant to the laws thereof, herein referred to as the "Grantee," which parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE. The State shall provide funding from the Budget Acts of 2021 and 2022 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 80; Stats. 2022, ch. 43, § 2), and Public Resources Code section 80146 et seq. (Proposition 68) to the Grantee to assist in financing the SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin (Project). By executing this Agreement, the Grantee certifies that the purpose of the Project is to implement SGMA as outlined in the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP), or Alternative(s) to a GSP, for the Western Management Area (WMA), Central Management Area (CMA), and Eastern Management Area (EMA) of the Basin, which Grantee in combination with other local agencies manage through separate Groundwater Sustainability Agencies pursuant to SGMA . The provision of State funds pursuant to this Agreement shall not be construed or interpreted to mean that the GSP or Alternative(s) to GSP, or any components of the GSP, implemented in accordance with the Work Plan as set forth in Exhibit A will be: adopted by the applicable Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); obtain the necessary desirable results of Sustainable Management Criteria; or, meet all of the evaluation and assessment criteria when submitted to DWR as required by the SGMA and implementing regulations.

2. TERM OF GRANT AGREEMENT. The term of this Grant Agreement begins on JANUARY 03, 2023, and ends three (3) years following the final payment unless otherwise terminated or amended as provided in this Agreement. However, all work shall be completed by FEBRUARY 28, 2027, and no funds may be requested after MARCH 31, 2027.

3. GRANT AMOUNT. The maximum amount payable by the State under this Agreement shall not exceed $5,534,000. Any additional costs are the responsibility of the Grantee.

4. BASIC CONDITIONS. The State shall have no obligation to disburse money for the Project under this Grant Agreement until the Grantee has satisfied the following conditions:

   A. The Grantee must demonstrate compliance with all eligibility criteria set forth on Pages 7 through 13 of the *SGM Grant Program 2021 Guidelines, amended April 2023* (2021 Guidelines).

   B. For the term of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee submits Quarterly Progress Reports, associated quarterly invoices, and all invoice backup documentation no later than sixty (60) days following the end of the calendar quarter (e.g. submitted by May 30th, August 29th, November 29th, and February 28th) and all other deliverables as required by 11, “Submission of Reports” and Exhibit A, “Work Plan”.

   C. Prior to the commencement of construction or implementation activities, if applicable, the Grantee shall submit the following to the State:

      i. Final plans and specifications certified by a California Registered Civil Engineer (or equivalent registered professional as appropriate) to certify compliance for each approved project as listed in Exhibit A, “Work Plan” of this Grant Agreement.

      ii. Work that is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process and/or environmental permitting shall not proceed under this Grant Agreement until the following actions are performed:

         a. The Grantee submits to the State all applicable environmental permits as indicated on the Environmental Information Form (EIF),

         b. Documents that satisfy the CEQA process are received by the State,

         c. The State has completed its CEQA compliance review as a Responsible Agency, and

d. The Grantee receives written concurrence from the State of Lead Agency's CEQA document(s) and State notice of verification of environmental permit submittal.

The State's concurrence of Lead Agency's CEQA documents is fully discretionary and shall constitute a condition precedent to any work (i.e., construction or implementation activities) for which it is required. Once CEQA documentation has been completed, the State will consider the environmental documents and decide whether to continue to fund the project or to require changes, alterations or other mitigation. The Grantee must also demonstrate that it has complied with all applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by submitting copies of any environmental documents, including environmental impact statements, Finding of No Significant Impact, mitigation monitoring programs, and environmental permits as may be required prior to beginning construction/implementation.

iii. A monitoring plan as required by Paragraph 13, "Project Monitoring Plan Requirements."

5. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS. The State will disburse to the Grantee the amount approved, subject to the availability of funds through normal State processes. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Grant Agreement, no disbursement shall be required at any time or in any manner which is in violation of, or in conflict with, federal or state laws, rules, or regulations, or which may require any rebates to the federal government, or any loss of tax-free status on state bonds, pursuant to any federal statute or regulation. Any and all money disbursed to the Grantee under this Grant Agreement shall be deposited in a non-interest bearing account and shall be used solely to pay Eligible Project Costs.

6. ELIGIBLE PROJECT COST. The Grantee shall apply State funds received only to Eligible Project Costs in accordance with applicable provisions of the law and Exhibit B, "Budget." Eligible Project Costs include the reasonable costs of studies, engineering, design, land and easement acquisition and associated legal fees, preparation of environmental documentation, environmental mitigations, monitoring, and project construction. Reimbursable administrative expenses are the necessary costs incidental but directly related to the Project included in this Agreement. Work performed on the Project after OCTOBER 4, 2022, shall be eligible for reimbursement.

   Costs that are not eligible for reimbursement include, but are not limited to the following items:

   A. Costs for preparing and filing a grant application and/or spending plan.
   B. Costs associated with the formation of a GSA(s) or other board formation that is responsible for implementing SGMA.
   C. Operation and maintenance costs, including post construction performance and monitoring costs.
   D. Purchase of equipment not an integral part of a project.
   E. Establishing a reserve fund.
   F. Purchase of water supplies.
   G. Replacement of existing funding sources.
   H. Travel and per diem costs, except for mileage.
   I. Support of existing agency requirements and mandates.
   J. Purchase of land in excess of the minimum required acreage necessary to operate as an integral part of a project, as set forth and detailed by engineering and feasibility studies, or acquisition of land by eminent domain.
   K. Meals, food items, or refreshments.
   L. Costs incurred as part of any necessary response and cleanup activities required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; Hazardous Substances Account Act; or other applicable law.

M. Overhead and indirect costs: "Indirect Costs" means those costs that are incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective and are not readily assignable to the funded project (i.e., costs that are not directly related to the funded project). Examples of Indirect Costs include, but are not limited to: central service costs; general administration of the Grantee; non-project-specific accounting and personnel services performed within the Grantee's organization; depreciation or use allowances on buildings and equipment; the costs of operating and maintaining non-project-specific facilities; tuition and conference fees; forums, trainings, and seminars; and, generic overhead or markup. This prohibition applies to the Grantee and any subcontract or sub-agreement for work on the Project that will be reimbursed pursuant to this Agreement.

7. METHOD OF PAYMENT. After the disbursement requirements in Paragraph 4, "Basic Conditions" are met, the State will disburse the whole or portions of State funding to the Grantee, following receipt from the Grantee via US mail or Express mail delivery of a "wet signature" invoice or an electronic invoice certified and transmitted via DocuSign for costs incurred and timely Quarterly Progress Reports as required by Paragraph 11, "Submission of Reports." Payment will be made no more frequently than quarterly, in arrears, upon receipt of an invoice bearing the Grant Agreement number. Invoices must accompany a Quarterly Progress Report and shall be submitted within no later than sixty (60) days following the end of the calendar quarter (e.g. submitted by May 30th, August 29th, November 29th, and February 28th). The State will notify the Grantee, in a timely manner, whenever, upon review of an Invoice, the State determines that any portion or portions of the costs claimed are not eligible costs or is not supported by documentation or receipts acceptable to the State. The Grantee may, within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of receipt of such notice, submit additional documentation to the State to cure such deficiency(ies). If the Grantee fails to submit adequate documentation curing the deficiency(ies), the State will adjust the pending invoice by the amount of ineligible or unapproved costs.

   Invoices submitted by the Grantee shall include the following information:

   A. Costs incurred for work performed in implementing the Project during the period identified in the particular invoice. If backup documentation provided is outside of the period identified in the particular invoice, the Grantee must provide justification within the associated Quarterly Progress Report and note the discrepancy on the Invoice Submittal Summary Sheet.

   B. Costs incurred for any interests in real property (land or easements) that have been necessarily acquired for a project during the period identified in the particular invoice for the implementation of a project.

   C. Invoices shall be submitted on forms provided by the State and shall meet the following format requirements:

      i. Invoices must contain the date of the invoice, either the time period covered by the invoice or the invoice date received within the time period covered, and the total amount due.

      ii. Invoices must be itemized based on the categories (i.e., tasks) specified in Exhibit B, "Budget." The amount claimed for salaries/wages/consultant fees must include a calculation formula (i.e., hours or days worked times the hourly or daily rate = the total amount claimed).

      iii. One set of sufficient evidence (i.e., receipts, copies of checks, time sheets) must be provided for all costs included in the invoice.

      iv. Each invoice shall clearly delineate those costs claimed for reimbursement from the State's funding amount, as depicted in Paragraph 3, "Grant Amount."

   Original signature and date (in ink) of the Grantee's Project Representative. Submit the original "wet signature" copy of the invoice form to the following address: Brian Moniz at P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001 or an electronic signature certified and transmitted via DocuSign from authorized representative to Brian Moniz at Brian.Moniz@water.ca.gov.
   All invoices submitted shall be accurate and signed under penalty of law. Any and all costs submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall only be for the tasks set forth herein. The Grantee shall not submit any

invoice containing costs that are ineligible or have been reimbursed from other funding sources unless required and specifically noted as such (i.e., match costs/cost share). Any eligible costs for which the Grantee is seeking reimbursement shall not be reimbursed from any other source. Double or multiple billing for time, services, or any other eligible cost is illegal and constitutes fraud. Any suspected occurrences of fraud, forgery, embezzlement, theft, or any other misuse of public funds may result in suspension of disbursements of grant funds and/or termination of this Agreement requiring the repayment of all funds disbursed hereunder plus interest. Additionally, the State may request an audit pursuant to Paragraph D.5 and refer the matter to the Attorney General's Office or the appropriate district attorney's office for criminal prosecution or the imposition of civil liability. (Civ. Code, §§ 1572-1573; Pen. Code, §§ 470, 487-489.)

8. WITHHOLDING OF DISBURSEMENTS BY THE STATE. If the State determines that a project is not being implemented in accordance with the provisions of this Grant Agreement, or that the Grantee has failed in any other respect to comply with the provisions of this Grant Agreement, and if the Grantee does not remedy any such failure to the State's satisfaction, the State may withhold from the Grantee all or any portion of the State funding and take any other action that it deems necessary to protect its interests. Where a portion of the State funding has been disbursed to the Grantee and the State notifies the Grantee of its decision not to release funds that have been withheld pursuant to Paragraph 9, "Default Provisions," the portion that has been disbursed shall thereafter be repaid immediately at the time the State notifies the Grantee, as directed by the State. The State may consider the Grantee's refusal to repay the requested disbursed amount a contract breach subject to the default provisions in Paragraph 9. If the State notifies the Grantee of its decision to withhold the entire funding amount from the Grantee pursuant to this Paragraph, this Grant Agreement shall terminate upon receipt of such notice by the Grantee and the State shall no longer be required to provide funds under this Grant Agreement and the Grant Agreement shall no longer be binding on either party.
9. DEFAULT PROVISIONS. The Grantee will be in default under this Grant Agreement if any of the following occur:
   A. Substantial breaches of this Grant Agreement, or any supplement or amendment to it, or any other agreement between the Grantee and the State evidencing or securing the Grantee's obligations;
      i. Making any false warranty, representation, or statement with respect to this Grant Agreement or the application filed to obtain this Grant Agreement;
      ii. Failure to operate or maintain the Project in accordance with this Grant Agreement.
      iii. Failure to make any remittance required by this Grant Agreement, including any remittance recommended as the result of an audit conducted pursuant to Paragraph D.5.
      iv. Failure to submit quarterly progress reports pursuant to Paragraph 4.
      v. Failure to routinely invoice the State pursuant to Paragraph 7.
      vi. Failure to meet any of the requirements set forth in Paragraph 10, "Continuing Eligibility."
      vii. A determination pursuant to Government Code section 11137 that the Grantee has violated any of the following: Government Code sections 11135 or 12960 et seq.; Civil Code sections 51-54.2, inclusive; or any regulations adopted to implement these sections.
   B. Should an event of default occur, the State shall provide a notice of default to the Grantee and shall give the Grantee at least ten (10) calendar days to cure the default from the date the notice is sent via first-class mail to the Grantee. If the Grantee fails to cure the default within the time prescribed by the State, the State may do any of the following:
      i. Declare the funding be immediately repaid, with interest, which shall be equal to the State of California general obligation bond interest rate in effect at the time of default.
      ii. Terminate any obligation to make future payments to the Grantee.
      iii. Terminate the Grant Agreement.

iv. Take any other action that it deems necessary to protect its interests.

In the event the State finds it necessary to enforce this provision of this Grant Agreement in the manner provided by law, the Grantee agrees to pay all costs incurred by the State including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, legal expenses, and costs.

10. CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY. The Grantee must meet the following ongoing requirement(s) and all eligibility criteria outlined in the 2021 Guidelines, amended April 2023, to remain eligible to receive State funds:

    A. The Grantee must continue to demonstrate eligibility and the groundwater basin must continue to be an eligible basin as outlined in the 2021 Guidelines, amended April 2023, and 2021 PSP.

    B. Grantee must adhere to the protocols developed pursuant to The Open and Transparent Water Data Act (Wat. Code, § 12406) for data sharing, transparency, documentation, and quality control.

    C. If the Grantee diverting surface water, the Grantee must maintain compliance with diversion reporting requirements as outlined in Water Code section 5100 et seq.

    D. If applicable, maintain compliance with the Urban Water Management Planning Act (Wat. Code, § 10610 et seq.).

    E. If applicable, maintain compliance with Sustainable Water Use and Demand Reduction requirements outlined in Water Code Section 10608, et seq.

    F. On March 4, 2022, the Governor issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. The EO may be found at: https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3.4.22-Russia-Ukraine-Executive-Order.pdf. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under State law. The EO directs DWR to terminate funding agreements with, and to refrain from entering any new agreements with, individuals or entities that are determined to be a target of Economic Sanctions. Accordingly, should the State determine that the Grantee is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for termination of this Agreement. The State shall provide the Grantee advance written notice of such termination, allowing the Grantee at least 30 calendar days to provide a written response. Termination shall be at the sole discretion of the State.

11. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS. The submittal and approval of all reports is a requirement for the successful completion of this Grant Agreement. Reports shall meet generally accepted professional standards for technical reporting and shall be proofread for content, numerical accuracy, spelling, and grammar prior to submittal to the State. All reports shall be submitted to the State's Grant Manager, and shall be submitted via DWR's "Grant Review and Tracking System" (GRanTS), or an equivalent online submittal tool. If requested, the Grantee shall promptly provide any additional information deemed necessary by the State for the approval of reports. Reports shall be presented in the formats described in the applicable portion of Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements." The timely submittal of reports is a requirement for initial and continued disbursement of State funds. Submittal and subsequent approval by the State, of a Project Completion Report is a requirement for the release of any funds retained for such project.

    A. Quarterly Progress Reports: The Grantee shall submit Quarterly Progress Reports to meet the State's requirement for disbursement of funds. Quarterly Progress Reports shall be shall be uploaded via GRanTS, or an equivalent online submittal tool, and the State's Grant Manager notified of upload. Quarterly Progress Reports shall, in part, provide a brief description of the work performed, the Grantees activities, milestones achieved, any accomplishments and any problems encountered in the performance of the work under this Grant Agreement during the reporting period. The first Quarterly Progress Report should be submitted to the State no later than APRIL 30, 2024 with future reports then due on successive three-month increments based on the invoicing schedule and this date. The DWR Grant Manager will provide a Quarterly Progress Report template that shall be used for the duration of the Agreement.

B. Groundwater Sustainability Plan or Alternative: The Grantee shall ensure that any updates to the GSP or Alternative shall be formatted, drafted, prepared, and completed as required by the GSP Regulations, and in accordance with any other regulations or requirements that are stipulated through SGMA.

C. Component Completion Report(s): The Grantee shall prepare and submit to the State a separate Component Completion Report for each component included in Exhibit A, "Work Plan". The Grantee shall submit a Component Completion Report within ninety (90) calendar days of component completion. Each Component Completion Report shall include, in part, a description of actual work done, any changes or amendments to each component, and a final schedule showing actual progress versus planned progress, copies of any final documents or reports generated or utilized during a project. The Component Completion Report shall also include, if applicable, certification of final component by a California Registered Civil Engineer (or equivalent registered professional as appropriate), consistent with Standard Condition D.18, "Final Inspections and Certification of Registered Civil Engineer". A DWR "Certification of Project Completion" form will be provided by the State.

D. Grant Completion Report: Upon completion of the Project included in Exhibit A, "Work Plan" the Grantee shall submit to the State a Grant Completion Report. The draft Grant Completion Report shall be submitted to the DWR Grant Manager for comment and review 90 days before the work completion date outlined on Page 1, Paragraph 2. The final Grant Completion Report shall address the DWR Grant Manager's comments prior to the work completion date. The report shall be prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements". Retention for the project to be completed as part of this Grant Agreement will not be disbursed until the Grant Completion Report is submitted and approved by the State.

E. Post Performance Reports: the Grantee shall submit Post Performance Reports. Post Performance Reports shall be submitted to the State within ninety (90) calendar days after the first operational year of a project has elapsed. This record keeping and reporting process shall be repeated annually for a total of three (3) years after the completed project begins operation.

F. Deliverable Due Date Schedule: The Grantee shall submit a Deliverable Due Date Schedule within 30 days of the execution date of the Grant Agreement. No invoices will be reviewed or processed until the Deliverable Due Date Schedule has been received by the DWR Grant Manager. Any edits to the schedule must be approved by the DWR Grant Manager and the revised schedule saved in the appropriate project files.

G. Environmental Information Form (EIF): Prepare and submit the EIF within 30-days of the execution date of the Grant Agreement. No invoices will be reviewed or processed until the EIF has been received by the DWR Grant Manager.

12. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROJECT. For the useful life of construction and implementation projects and in consideration of the funding made by the State, the Grantee agrees to ensure or cause to be performed the commencement and continued operation of the project, and shall ensure or cause the project to be operated in an efficient and economical manner; shall ensure all repairs, renewals, and replacements necessary to the efficient operation of the same are provided; and shall ensure or cause the same to be maintained in as good and efficient condition as upon its construction, ordinary and reasonable wear and depreciation excepted. The State shall not be liable for any cost of such maintenance, management, or operation. The Grantee or their successors may, with the written approval of the State, transfer this responsibility to use, manage, and maintain the property. For purposes of this Grant Agreement, "useful life" means period during which an asset, property, or activity is expected to be usable for the purpose it was acquired or implemented; "operation costs" include direct costs incurred for material and labor needed for operations, utilities, insurance, and similar expenses, and "maintenance costs" include ordinary repairs and replacements of a recurring nature necessary for capital assets and basic structures and the expenditure of funds necessary to replace or reconstruct capital assets or basic structures. Refusal of the Grantee to ensure operation and maintenance of the projects in accordance with

this provision may, at the option of the State, be considered a breach of this Grant Agreement and may be treated as default under Paragraph 9, "Default Provisions."

13. PROJECT MONITORING PLAN REQUIREMENTS. As required in Exhibit A, "Work Plan", a Monitoring Plan shall be submitted to the State prior to disbursement of State funds for construction or monitoring activities. The Monitoring Plan should incorporate Post Performance Monitoring Report requirements as defined and listed in Exhibit J, "Monitoring and Maintenance Plan Components". The SGM Grant Program has developed post construction monitoring methodologies that shall be used for the Post Performance Reporting.

14. NOTIFICATION OF STATE. The Grantee shall promptly notify the State, in writing, of the following items:

    A. Events or proposed changes that could affect the scope, budget, or work performed under this Grant Agreement. The Grantee agrees that no substantial change in the scope of a project will be undertaken until written notice of the proposed change has been provided to the State and the State has given written approval for such change. Substantial changes generally include changes to the scope of work, schedule or term, and budget.

    B. Any public or media event publicizing the accomplishments and/or results of this Grant Agreement and provide the opportunity for attendance and participation by the State's representatives. The Grantee shall make such notification at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the event.

    C. Discovery of any potential archaeological or historical resource. Should a potential archaeological or historical resource be discovered during construction, the Grantee agrees that all work in the area of the find will cease until a qualified archaeologist has evaluated the situation and made recommendations regarding preservation of the resource, and the State has determined what actions should be taken to protect and preserve the resource. The Grantee agrees to implement appropriate actions as directed by the State.

    D. The initiation of any litigation or the threat of litigation against the Grantee regarding the Project or that may affect the Project in any way.

    E. For implementation/construction Projects, final inspection of the completed work on a project by a Registered Civil Engineer, in accordance with Standard Condition D.18, "Final Inspections and Certification of Registered Civil Engineer." The Grantee shall notify the State's Grant Manager of the inspection date at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the inspection in order to provide the State the opportunity to participate in the inspection.

15. NOTICES. Any notice, demand, request, consent, or approval that either party desires or is required to give to the other party under this Grant Agreement shall be in writing. Notices may be transmitted by any of the following means:

    A. By delivery in person.

    B. By certified U.S. mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid.

    C. By "overnight" delivery service; provided that next-business-day delivery is requested by the sender.

    D. By electronic means.

    E. Notices delivered in person will be deemed effective immediately on receipt (or refusal of delivery or receipt). Notices sent by certified mail will be deemed effective given ten (10) calendar days after the date deposited with the U. S. Postal Service. Notices sent by overnight delivery service will be deemed effective one business day after the date deposited with the delivery service. Notices sent electronically will be effective on the date of transmission, which is documented in writing. Notices shall be sent to the below addresses. Either party may, by written notice to the other, designate a different address that shall be substituted for the one below.

16. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. Upon completion of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee's performance will be evaluated by the State and a copy of the evaluation will be placed in the State file and a copy sent to the Grantee.

17. PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES. The Project Representatives during the term of this Grant Agreement are as follows:

Department of Water Resources	Santa Ynez River WCD
Arthur Hinojosa Manager, Division of Regional Assistance P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001 Phone: (916) 902-6713 Email: Arthur.Hinojosa@water.ca.gov	William J. Buelow, 3669 Sagunto Street, Suite 101 Santa Ynez, CA 93460 Phone: (805) 693-1156 Email: bbuelow@syrwcd.com **Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 719 Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Direct all inquiries to the Grant Manager:

Department of Water Resources	Santa Ynez WCD
Brian Moniz Senior Water Resources Engineer P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001 Phone: (818) 549-2325 Email: Brian.Moniz@water.ca.gov	William J. Buelow Assistant General Manager, 3669 Sagunto Street, Suite 101 Santa Ynez, CA 93460 Phone: (805) 693-1156 Email: bbuelow@syrwcd.com **Mailing Address** P.O. Box 719 Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Either party may change its Grant Manager, Project Representative, or Project Manager upon written notice to the other party.

18. STANDARD PROVISIONS AND INTEGRATION. This Grant Agreement is complete and is the final Agreement between the parties. The following Exhibits are attached and made a part of this Grant Agreement by this reference:

Exhibit A– Work Plan

Exhibit B– Budget

Exhibit C– Schedule

Exhibit D– Standard Conditions

Exhibit E– Authorizing Resolution Accepting Funds

Exhibit F– Report Formats and Requirements

Exhibit G– Requirements for Data Submittal

Exhibit H– State Audit Document Requirements

Exhibit I– Project Location

Exhibit J– Monitoring and Maintenance Plan Components

Exhibit K– Appraisal Specifications

Exhibit L– Information Needed for Escrow Process and Closure

Exhibit M– Invoice Guidance for Administrative and Overhead Charge

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Grant Agreement.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Arthur Hinojosa
Manager, Division of Regional Assistance

Date_____

SANTA YNEZ RIVER
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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William J. Buelow
Assistant General Manager

Date_____

Approved as to Legal Form and Sufficiency

_____for

Robin Brewer
Assistant General Counsel,
Office of the General Counsel

Date_____

Exhibit A

WORK PLAN

Project Title: SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin

Project Description: The Work Plan includes activities associated with the planning, development, and construction of the SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin (Project), which includes Well Extraction Measurement Demonstration Projects and Basin Reporting Program, SGMA Rate Study, Basin GSPs 5-Year Update, Monitoring Improvement and Expansion, Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project Designs, Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan, and Recycled Water Feasibility Study. The Work Plan includes eight (8) Components:

Component 1: Grant Administration
Component 2: Well Extraction Measurement Demonstration Projects and Basin Reporting Program
Component 3: Santa Ynez River Basin WMA, CMA and EMA – SGMA Rate Study
Component 4: Basin GSPs 5-Year Update
Component 5: Monitoring Improvement and Expansion
Component 6: Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project Designs
Component 7: Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan
Component 8: Recycled Water Feasibility Study

COMPONENT 1: GRANT ADMINISTRATION
Category (a): Grant Agreement Administration

Prepare reports detailing work completed during reporting period as outlined in Exhibit F, “Report Formats and Requirements” of this Agreement. Quarterly Progress Reports will include sufficient information for the DWR Grant Manager to understand and review backup documentation submitted with invoices. Quarterly invoices will accompany the Quarterly Progress Reports and should be submitted to the DWR Grant Manager for review to receive reimbursement of Eligible Project Costs. Collect and organize backup documentation by component, budget category, and task and prepare a summary Excel document detailing Fcontents of the backup documentation organized by component, budget category, and task.

Prepare and submit the Environmental Information Form (EIF) within 30 days of the execution date of the Grant Agreement. No invoices will be reviewed or processed until the EIF has been received by the DWR Grant Manager. Submit a deliverable due date schedule within 30 days of the execution date of the Grant Agreement to be reviewed and approved by the DWR Grant Manager. Any edits to the schedule must be approved by the DWR Grant Manager and the revised schedule saved in the appropriate project files.

Prepare the Draft Grant Completion Report and submit to the DWR Grant Manager for comment and review 90 days before the work completion date. DWR’s Grant Manager will review the Draft Grant Completion Report and provide comments and edits within 30 days of receipt, when possible. Submit a Final Grant Completion Report addressing the DWR Grant Manager’s comments prior to the work completion date. The report shall be prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit F, “Report Formats and Requirements” and approved by the DWR Grant Manager within 30 days after the work completion date. All deliverables listed within the Work Plan shall be submitted with the Final Grant Completion Report unless a new deliverable due date was approved by the DWR Grant Manager.

Deliverables:

- EIF
- Deliverable due date schedule
- Quarterly Progress Reports, Quarterly Invoices, and all required backup documentation
- Draft and Final Grant Completion Reports

COMPONENT 2: WELL EXTRACTION MEASUREMENT DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS AND BASIN REPORTING PROGRAM

Component 2 consists of the development of the well extraction measurement and reporting program for the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin). This Component includes a planning step, extraction measurement method demonstration projects, and two-phased implementation step. The initial planning step includes research to identify and purchase the data management system (DMS) for receiving and reporting the extraction data, and registration of wells in the white areas of the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs), which are the areas outside the boundaries of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD). The demonstration projects will be conducted in the predetermined areas for a period of three (3) to (6) months, and the purpose of the study is to test the feasibility and reliability of different measurement methods. Demonstration study results will be used to develop program rules and regulations for program implementation, which will occur in two phases. The first phase implements the rules and regulations and initiates the well registrations in the predetermined areas only for a minimum of one-year. At the completion of the first implementation phase, program effectiveness will be evaluated, and program rules and regulations updated for the second phase where the program will be implemented in the entire Basin by the GSAs. The basin-wide implementation will mark the completion of this component. Public outreach and engagement will be conducted throughout the entire program development process, including well registrations, identifying cooperating well owners for the demonstration study, and both phases of program implementation.

Category (a): Component Administration

Prepare reports detailing component work completed during reporting period as outlined in Exhibit F, “Report Formats and Requirements” of this Agreement, for inclusion in Component 1 Quarterly Progress Reports. Quarterly Progress Reports will include sufficient information for the DWR Grant Manager to understand and review backup documentation submitted with invoices. Quarterly invoices will accompany the Quarterly Progress Reports. Collect and organize backup documentation by the Component 2 budget category and task and prepare a summary Excel document detailing contents of the backup documentation organized by task.

Prepare the Draft Component Completion Report and submit it to the DWR Grant Manager for comment and review 90 days before the work completion date for the component. DWR’s Grant Manager will review the Draft Component Completion Report and provide comments and edits within 30 days of receipt, when possible. Submit a Final Component Completion Report addressing the DWR Grant Manager’s comments within 30 days before the work completion date. The report shall be prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit F, “Report Formats and Requirements” and approved by the DWR Grant Manager within 30 days after the work completion date. All deliverables listed within the Work Plan shall be submitted with the Final Component Completion Report unless a new deliverable due date was approved by the DWR Grant Manager.

Deliverables:

- Component reporting to be included in Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices
- Draft and Final Component Completion Reports

Category (b): Environmental / Design / Engineering

Task 1: Environmental Compliance and Permitting

Prepare environmental documentation as required by CEQA. Submit the CEQA document(s) to the DWR Grant Manager for review and concurrence prior to beginning construction.

Construction may not begin and no costs for Category (c) may be incurred until an exemption from CEQA concurrence is given by the State, or the State has reviewed the CEQA document(s), completed its CEQA responsible agency obligations and given its environmental clearance in accordance with Paragraphs 4 and D.8 of this Agreement.

Any costs incurred for Category (c) prior to an exemption from CEQA concurrence is given by the State, or DWR gives its
environmental clearance shall not be reimbursed and any such amounts shall be deducted from the total Grant Amount in Paragraph 3.

Deliverables:

- All completed CEQA and NEPA documents, as required
- No Legal Challenges Letter

Task 2: Well Extraction Measurement and Reporting Program Development
Conduct research and establish a Data Management System (DMS) and services for receiving and reporting the extraction data. Conduct outreach to landowners, select and coordinate access agreements with a minimum of three volunteer landowners for each of the three management areas to where demonstration projects are proposed.

Deliverables:

- Memorandum regarding DMS research and services
- Access agreements, as required

Task 3: Demonstration Project Development
Develop well extraction measurement and reporting demonstration projects. Evaluate three (3) extraction measurement methods for a minimum of four (4) locations in a minimum of three (3) Management Areas of the Basin. Evaluate mechanical meters, electrical power consumption, and remote sensing and evapotranspiration estimates.

Deliverables:

- Technical memorandum summarizing development of demonstration projects

Task 4: Basin-Wide Groundwater Extraction Measurement Program
Prepare a draft Implementing Rules and Regulations Document to provide specific guidance to well owners on well registration, measurement method criteria, and reporting requirements. Implement a two-phased Basin-wide groundwater extraction measurement program. Submit the draft Implementing Rules and Regulations Document to the DWR Grant Manager for review and concurrence.

Phase I: Update well registrations to include well owners in predetermined areas of the Eastern Management Area (EMA). Select and purchase an approved extraction measurement method, and provide quarterly groundwater reports to the GSAs. Finalize the Implementing Rules and Regulations Document and submit the document to the DWR Grant Manager for review and concurrence.

Phase II: Update well registrations for the GSAs. Initiate DMS implementation for collecting and tracking Basin-wide groundwater extraction data.

Deliverables:

- Draft and final Implementing Rules and Regulations Document

Category (c): Implementation / Construction

Task 5: Demonstration Projects
Install infrastructure for demonstration projects, including meters, solar panels, telemetry equipment, and weather stations to support evapotranspiration estimates, as needed. Register demonstration projects wells, collect data from the demonstration projects, collate, and store said data with the chosen DMS software

identified in Task 2. Evaluate the extraction methods and reported data to determine which measurement methods best fit each of the management areas, based on accessibility, cost, feasibility, and land use.

Deliverables:

- Summaries of activities, field notes, and photo documentation to include in the associated quarterly Progress Reports, as required.
- Proof of purchase of equipment, as required
- Proof of equipment installation, as required
- Technical memorandum summarizing extraction method findings and reported data

Category (d): Monitoring / Assessment
Compile and analyze extraction production data. Update the existing groundwater model and water budgets, and provide additional information analyzing projected management area conditions.

Deliverables:

- Technical memorandum summarizing groundwater extraction data

Category (e): Engagement / Outreach
Increase outreach and coordination between GSA member agencies, landowners, and stakeholders. Create and distribute educational and outreach materials during public workshops. Facilitate an informational basin wide well extraction measurement presentation at three (3) informational public workshops and GSA meetings. Attend outreach events to educate groundwater extractors on the benefits of tracking and quantifying groundwater extractions in the Basin.

Deliverables:

- All outreach and engagement materials, as required
- Meeting/workshop agendas and minutes.

COMPONENT 3: SANTA YNEZ RIVER BASIN WMA, CMA AND EMA – SGMA RATE STUDY
Component 3 includes preparation of a rate study for each management area including the Western Management Area (WMA), Central Management Area (CMA), and Eastern Management Area (EMA).

Category (a): Component Administration
Prepare reports detailing component work completed during reporting period as outlined in Exhibit F, “Report Formats and Requirements” of this Agreement, for inclusion in Component 1 Quarterly Progress Reports. Quarterly Progress Reports will include sufficient information for the DWR Grant Manager to understand and review backup documentation submitted with invoices. Quarterly invoices will accompany the Quarterly Progress Reports. Collect and organize backup documentation by the Component 3 budget category and task and prepare a summary Excel document detailing contents of the backup documentation organized by task.

Prepare the Draft Component Completion Report and submit it to the DWR Grant Manager for comment and review 90 days before the work completion date for the component. DWR’s Grant Manager will review the Draft Component Completion Report and provide comments and edits within 30 days of receipt, when possible. Submit a Final Component Completion Report addressing the DWR Grant Manager’s comments within 30 days before the work completion date. The report shall be prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit F, “Report Formats and Requirements” and approved by the DWR Grant Manager within 30 days after the work completion date. All deliverables listed within the Work Plan shall be submitted with the Final Component Completion Report unless a new deliverable due date was approved by the DWR Grant Manager.

Deliverables:

- Component reporting to be included in Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices
- Draft and Final Component Completion Reports

Category (b): Environmental / Design / Engineering
Not applicable for this Component.

Category (c): Implementation / Construction
Not applicable for this Component.

Category (d): Monitoring / Assessment
Prepare rate schedule for each of the three Management Areas (MAs). Perform analysis of GSAs budgets for next five years and determine required revenue for each GSA. Evaluate need for pump charge rate and/or parcel fee in each MA. Prepare rate schedules for each MA and provide at least two recommended rate/fee alternatives for each GSA. Prepare a minimum of three Rate Studies and present the study to the GSAs for consideration or adoption.

Deliverables:
- Meeting agenda and minutes
- Final Rate Study

Category (e): Engagement / Outreach
Not applicable to this Component

COMPONENT 4: BASIN GSPS 5-YEAR UPDATE
Component 4 includes the preparation of Annual Reports, modifying the GSPs to respond to the anticipated DWR determination letter, and preparing the five-year GSP Updates for the Western Management Area (WMA), Central Management Area (CMA), and Eastern Management Area (EMA).

Category (a): Component Administration
Prepare reports detailing component work completed during reporting period as outlined in Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements" of this Agreement, for inclusion in Component 1 Quarterly Progress Reports. Quarterly Progress Reports will include sufficient information for the DWR Grant Manager to understand and review backup documentation submitted with invoices. Quarterly invoices will accompany the Quarterly Progress Reports. Collect and organize backup documentation by the Component 4 budget category and task and prepare a summary Excel document detailing contents of the backup documentation organized by task.

Prepare the Draft Component Completion Report and submit it to the DWR Grant Manager for comment and review 90 days before the work completion date for the component. DWR's Grant Manager will review the Draft Component Completion Report and provide comments and edits within 30 days of receipt, when possible. Submit a Final Component Completion Report addressing the DWR Grant Manager's comments within 30 days before the work completion date. The report shall be prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements" and approved by the DWR Grant Manager within 30 days after the work completion date. All deliverables listed within the Work Plan shall be submitted with the Final Component Completion Report unless a new deliverable due date was approved by the DWR Grant Manager.

Deliverables:
- Component reporting to be included in Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices
- Draft and Final Component Completion Reports

Category (b): Environmental / Design / Engineering
Not applicable for this Component.

Category (c): Implementation / Construction
Not applicable for this Component.

Category (d): Monitoring / Assessment

Task 1: Annual Reporting
Prepare four (4) Annual Reports for each of the three Management Areas (reports may be combined into one), as required by DWR, including Water Year 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Deliverables:
- Annual reports for Water Years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025

Task 2: 2022 GSP Modifications
Modify the 2022 GSPs, as applicable, in response to DWR's review and evaluation of the Plans. Provide a response and modifications addressing DWR comments and/or concerns, should the 2022 GSPs be determined incomplete or inadequate.

Deliverables:
- Proof of submittal of 2022 GSP modifications to DWR
- Revised 2022 Plan(s), as required

Task 3: Five-Year GSP Update
Assess applicable data and prepare the Five-Year GSP Plan Update. Update both the EMA numerical groundwater flow model and the WMA/CMA Model. Incorporate data from DWR's airborne electromagnetic (AEM) surveys to integrate basin-specific and cross-basin geophysical data, as appropriate. Conduct a post audit to assess post-2018 model performances. Update input data sets and associated refinements of the Basin numerical models to support the 2027 5-year GSPs data evaluation and water budget calculations.

Deliverables:
- Draft Five-Year GSP Plan(s) Update(s)
- Technical memorandum summarizing updates to groundwater models

Category (e): Engagement / Outreach
Continue GSAs outreach and engagement efforts to the stakeholders, interested parties, and the public. Continue routine monthly meetings with the GSAs three Citizen Advisory Groups (CAG) to provide input to the GSA Committees.

Deliverables:
- All education and outreach materials
- Meeting agendas and minutes

COMPONENT 5: MONITORING IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION
Component 5 includes the expansion of the Monitoring Network by the integration of three to 11 existing wells with one to four located in the Western Management Area (WMA), one to four located in the Central Management Area (CMA), and one to three located in the Eastern Management Area (EMA); the installation of one to three new monitoring wells with the goal of one well per Management Area; the installation of two piezometers located in the EMA; and the installation of two stream gages located in the WMA and CMA. Component 5 will include the collection of site specific data from the existing wells via video logging and surveying, as applicable. Finally, groundwater dependent ecosystem field surveys will be conducted in each Management Area, where additionally data will be collected and assessed.

Category (a): Component Administration
Prepare reports detailing component work completed during reporting period as outlined in Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements" of this Agreement, for inclusion in Component 1 Quarterly Progress Reports. Quarterly Progress Reports will include sufficient information for the DWR Grant Manager to understand and review backup documentation submitted with invoices. Quarterly invoices will accompany the Quarterly Progress Reports. Collect and organize backup documentation by the Component 5 budget category and task and prepare a summary Excel document detailing contents of the backup documentation organized by task.

Prepare the Draft Component Completion Report and submit it to the DWR Grant Manager for comment and review 90 days before the work completion date for the component. DWR's Grant Manager will review the Draft Component Completion Report and provide comments and edits within 30 days of receipt, when possible. Submit a Final Component Completion Report addressing the DWR Grant Manager's comments within 30 days before the work completion date. The report shall be prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements" and approved by the DWR Grant Manager within 30 days after the work completion date. All deliverables listed within the Work Plan shall be submitted with the Final Component Completion Report unless a new deliverable due date was approved by the DWR Grant Manager.

Deliverables:
- Component reporting to be included in Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices
- Draft and Final Component Completion Reports

Category (b): Environmental / Design / Engineering

Task 1: Environmental Compliance and Permitting
Prepare environmental documentation as required by CEQA.Submit the CEQA document(s) to the DWR Grant Manager for review and concurrence prior to beginning construction.

Construction may not begin and no costs for Category (c) may be incurred until an exemption from CEQA concurrence is given by the State, or the State has reviewed the CEQA document(s), completed its CEQA responsible agency obligations and given its environmental clearance in accordance with Paragraphs 4 and D.8 of this Agreement.

Any costs incurred for Category (c) prior to an exemption from CEQA concurrence is given by the State, or DWR gives its environmental clearance shall not be reimbursed and any such amounts shall be deducted from the total Grant Amount in Paragraph 3.

Deliverables:
- All completed CEQA and NEPA documents, as required
- No Legal Challenges Letter

Task 2: Land Purchase/Easements
Secure access agreements with landowners for expansion of the Monitoring Networks, as needed. Obtain any County encroachment permits and/or land use agreements. Acquire necessary permits required for the well installation(s).

Deliverables:
- Access agreements and/or easements and/or enchroachment permits, as required
- All other permits, as requried

Task 3: Monitoring Network Planning and Design
Investigate the feasibility of re-establishing or reconstructing USGS Stream Gage ID 11135500. Confirm well locations. Select between three (3) and 11 existing wells, one (1) to three (3) new monitoring wells, and two (piezometers), and two (2) stream gage locations. Collect site specific information regarding the selected equipment locations.

Prepare preliminary design plans for all monitoring well sites showing property boundaries, proposed monitoring well locations, and preliminary monitoring well design. Prepare any necessary revisions to engineering design packages for stream gages, as required to obtain permits. Submit design plans and specifications to the DWR Grant Manager for review and concurrence prior to finalizing said design plans and specifications.

Deliverables:

- Technical memorandum summarizing site specific information, as well as locations for existing well modifications, new monitoring wells, piezometers, and stream gages.
- Preliminary design plans and specifications (monitoring wells)
- Preliminary design plans and specifications (stream gages)

Category (c): Implementation / Construction

Task 4: Advertise, Bid, and Award
Prepare finalized design plans and specifications. Prepare bid documents, including the invitation to bid, instructions to bidders, bid forms, and descriptions of bid items. Publicly advertise bid in accordance with the requirements for public bidding for construction and prepare an engineer's estimate. Received bids will be reviewed and a recommendation for award made. Send a Notice of Intent to Award to the selected bidder(s). Submit a Notice(s) to Award and Notice(s) to Proceed.

This task must comply with the Standard Condition D.11 – Competitive Bidding and Procurements. Activities necessary (as applicable) to secure a contractor and award the contract, including: develop bid documents, prepare advertisement and contract documents for construction contract bidding, conduct pre-bid meeting, bid opening and evaluation, selection of the contractor, award of contract, and issuance of notice to proceed.

Deliverables:

- Final design plans and technical specifications (stream gages)
- Final design plans and technical specifications (monitoring wells)
- Proof of Advertisement
- Bid Documentation
- Notice of Award
- Notice to Proceed

Task 5: Monitoring Well and Equipment Installation
Install the monitoring wells, piezometers and surface water gages identified in Task 3. Prepare a health and safety plan and traffic control plan(s), prior to construction, as necessary. Submit a Health and Safety Plan prior to construction. Manage the construction to verify completion is on schedule and consistent with the specifications. Summarize construction activity in the quarterly Progress Reports including descriptions of any change orders. Photo-document pre-construction, construction activities log, and post-construction site conditions to include in the associated quarterly Progress Reports. Conduct an inspection of the completed Component by a licensed professional and submit a Certification of Completion letter from the licensed professional to ensure that the Component was constructed per the 100% design plans and specifications.

Deliverables:

- Health and Safety Plan, as required
- Summaries of activities and photo documentation pre-construction, construction and post construction to include in the associated quarterly Progress Reports
- Record drawings
- Proof of equipment and materials purchased
- Monitoring Well Completion Reports, as required
- Certification of Completion Letter
- Acknowledgement of Credit signage

Category (d): Monitoring / Assessment

Task 6: Monitoring Network Field Screening
Update Monitoring Networks to comply with SGMA reporting standards. Perform surveying or video logging by collecting site specific information for Representative Monitoring Wells (geographic locations, total well depth, depth interval(s) of perforations, and elevation of the measurement point for water level readings), as needed.

Deliverables:

- Technical memorandum summarizing updates to the Monitoring Network
- Well Survey Report(s) and/or Video Logging Report(s), as required

Task 7: Data Collection, Assessment, and DMS Updates
Collect semi-annual groundwater level data from new wells and piezometers; bi-weekley streamflow measurements during storm events at the reconstructed stream gage; bi-weekley streamflow measurements during storm events at the new streamflow gage on the Santa Ynez River near Buellton; and quarterly water samples from the four identified seawater intrusion monitoring wells and analyze for standard minerals and seawater indicators post-installation.

Conduct field surveys in each of the Management Areas to investigate potential groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs). Evaluate results (1) from stream gages to assess shifting of the rating curve; (2) from seawater intrusion wells to establish the necessary monitoring frequency in the future and to determine a seawater sampling and analysis plan for the monitoring program; and (3) from GDE survey to assess GDE coverage. Update the DMS to include (1) all collected monitoring data and surveys (2) new wells and stream gages as part of the Representative Monitoring Network, and (3) update well site information fields to allow for entry of Minimum Thresholds and Measurable Objectives. Conduct annual stream gage maintenance.

Deliverables:

- Technical memorandum summarizing monitoring data and surveys, assessments, and DMS updates.

Category (e): Engagement / Outreach
Form Agricultural and Surface Water Advisory groups, prepare outreach materials, and identify potential new monitoring well sites and the siting and construction of a new surface water gage.

Deliverables:

- All outreach materials, as required
- Advisory group meeting agendas and minutes, as required.

COMPONENT 6: STORMWATER CAPTURE AND INFILTRATION PROJECT DESIGNS
Component 6 will lay the groundwork for planning and design of one to three suitable stormwater capture and infiltration demonstration projects. Component 6 consists of a desktop study in which data and modeling will be used to identify and screen candidate sites suitable for stormwater runoff capture, a pre-design field

investigation to confirm candidate site suitability, a conceptual project plan and preliminary project design plans for the best suited sites. The goal of Component 6 is to have preliminary design plans that can be included in Santa Barbara County's clean water stormwater program to permit and construct the projects more efficiently in the future.

Category (a): Component Administration
Prepare reports detailing component work completed during reporting period as outlined in Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements" of this Agreement, for inclusion in Component 1 Quarterly Progress Reports. Quarterly Progress Reports will include sufficient information for the DWR Grant Manager to understand and review backup documentation submitted with invoices. Quarterly invoices will accompany the Quarterly Progress Reports. Collect and organize backup documentation by the Component 6 budget category and task and prepare a summary Excel document detailing contents of the backup documentation organized by task.

Prepare the Draft Component Completion Report and submit it to the DWR Grant Manager for comment and review 90 days before the work completion date for the component. DWR's Grant Manager will review the Draft Component Completion Report and provide comments and edits within 30 days of receipt, when possible. Submit a Final Component Completion Report addressing the DWR Grant Manager's comments within 30 days before the work completion date. The report shall be prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements" and approved by the DWR Grant Manager within 30 days after the work completion date. All deliverables listed within the Work Plan shall be submitted with the Final Component Completion Report unless a new deliverable due date was approved by the DWR Grant Manager.

Deliverables:
- Component reporting to be included in Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices
- Draft and Final Component Completion Reports

Category (b): Environmental / Design / Engineering
Estimate quantity and quality of naturally occurring runoff. Develop and apply screening criteria to identify available lands and potential recharge volumes for infiltration. Document screening analysis and work with stakeholders to select one (1) to three (3) sites for confirmation.

Complete confirmation studies, including pre-design soil and percolation studies and exploratory subsurface geophysical surveys. Conduct data post-processing. Conduct a biological constraints analysis, if needed, to screen for special-status species habitat that could influence site development.

Summarize data collection results in conceptual project plans and work with stakeholders to confirm site selection. Prepare preliminary designs for selected project sites. Conduct surveys within the footprint of site location as required, including a field topographic survey and preparation of 30% design plan layout sheets with a preliminary grading plan and a schematic of an assumed gravity diversion structure.

Deliverables:
- Technical memorandum summarizing site specific information and sites selected for project locations.
- 30% Design Plans and Specifications
- Percolation Test results
- Geophysical survey report
- Topographic survey report

Category (c): Implementation / Construction
Not applicable to this Component.

Category (d): Monitoring / Assessment
Not applicable to this Component.

Category (e): Engagement / Outreach
Coordinate with and provide outreach materials to GSA member agencies, Citizens Advisory Groups (CAGs), landowners, and stakeholders to identify acceptable project sites and cooperating landowners. Survey members for feedback and input for consideration during the site selection process.

Deliverables:
- All outreach materials, as required
- Meeting agendas and minutes, as required.

COMPONENT 7: WATER USE EFFICIENCY STRATEGIC PLAN
Component 7 involves the formulation of a Basin-wide Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan. The Plan will be developed through assessment of current water efficiency activities in the Basin, planning, constructing, and implementing demonstration projects, and stakeholder outreach and engagement.

Category (a): Component Administration
Prepare reports detailing component work completed during reporting period as outlined in Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements" of this Agreement, for inclusion in Component 1 Quarterly Progress Reports. Quarterly Progress Reports will include sufficient information for the DWR Grant Manager to understand and review backup documentation submitted with invoices. Quarterly invoices will accompany the Quarterly Progress Reports. Collect and organize backup documentation by the Component 7 budget category and task and prepare a summary Excel document detailing contents of the backup documentation organized by task.

Prepare the Draft Component Completion Report and submit it to the DWR Grant Manager for comment and review 90 days before the work completion date for the component. DWR's Grant Manager will review the Draft Component Completion Report and provide comments and edits within 30 days of receipt, when possible. Submit a Final Component Completion Report addressing the DWR Grant Manager's comments within 30 days before the work completion date. The report shall be prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements" and approved by the DWR Grant Manager within 30 days after the work completion date. All deliverables listed within the Work Plan shall be submitted with the Final Component Completion Report unless a new deliverable due date was approved by the DWR Grant Manager.

Deliverables:
- Component reporting to be included in Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices
- Draft and Final Component Completion Reports

Category (b): Environmental / Design / Engineering

Task 1: Develop Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan and Design Demonstration Projects
Develop a Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan. Gather background information of existing Plans and identify existing data gaps.

Identify demonstration project sites of cooperating landowners to deploy water savings techniques and operational refinements recommended by agricultural specialists. Select one (1) to three (3) sites for site inspections and project implementation. Conduct site inspections to identify existing infrastructure and recommend feasible physical and operational modifications to improve water use efficiency. Design water use efficiency demonstration projects based on site information.

Prepare a Routine Tracking and Reporting Protocols document and near-term basin-wide water use efficiency goals and objectives

Deliverables:

- Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan
- Technical memorandum summarizing updated land use datasets and water demand, as well as tabular and/or schematics of existing programs
- Technical memorandum summarizing identified demonstration project sites, maps, and other relevant information
- Technical memorandum summarizing the Routine Tracking and Reporting Protocols document and near-term basin-wide water use efficiency goals and objectives

Task 2: Environmental Compliance and Permitting
Prepare environmental documentation as required by CEQA.Submit the CEQA document(s) to the DWR Grant Manager for review and concurrence prior to beginning construction.

Construction may not begin and no costs for Category (c) may be incurred until an exemption from CEQA concurrence is given by the State, or the State has reviewed the CEQA document(s), completed its CEQA responsible agency obligations and given its environmental clearance in accordance with Paragraphs 4 and D.8 of this Agreement.

Any costs incurred for Category (c) prior to an exemption from CEQA concurrence is given by the State, or DWR gives its environmental clearance shall not be reimbursed and any such amounts shall be deducted from the total Grant Amount in Paragraph 3.

Prepare well construction permit applications. Obtain other required permits, if any.

Deliverables:

- All completed CEQA and NEPA documents, as required
- No Legal Challenges Letter
- Permits, as required

Task 3: Access Agreements and/or Encroachment Permits
Confirm site locations and acquire access agreements and/or easements as needed. Obtain any County encroachment permits and/or land use agreements.

Deliverables:

- Access agreements and/or enchroachment permits, as required

Category (c): Implementation / Construction

Task 4: Advertise, Bid, and Award
Prepare design plans and specifications. Submit design plans and specifications to the DWR Grant Manager for review and concurrence. Prepare bid documents, including the invitation to bid, instructions to bidders, bid forms, and descriptions of bid items. Publicly advertise bid in accordance with the requirements for public bidding for construction and prepare an engineer's estimate. Received bids will be reviewed and a recommendation for award made. Send a Notice of Intent to Award to the selected bidder(s). Submit a Notice(s) to Award and Notice(s) to Proceed.

This task must comply with the Standard Condition D.11 – Competitive Bidding and Procurements. Activities necessary (as applicable) to secure a contractor and award the contract, including: develop bid documents,

prepare advertisement and contract documents for construction contract bidding, conduct pre-bid meeting, bid opening and evaluation, selection of the contractor, award of contract, and issuance of notice to proceed.

Deliverables:

- Prelimenary and final design plans and technical specifications for demonstration projects, as required.
- Proof of Advertisement
- Bid Documentation
- Notice of Award
- Notice to Proceed

Task 5: Monitoring Equipment at Water Use Efficiency Demonstration Projects
Locate, design & construct necessary monitoring equipment at the water use efficiency demonstration project sites to quantify water demand and use (e.g., well meters, climate stations, soil moisture sensors, etc.). Manage the construction to verify completion is on schedule and consistent with the specifications. Summarize construction activity in the quarterly Progress Reports including descriptions of any change orders. Photo-document pre-construction, construction activities log, and post-construction site conditions to include in the associated quarterly Progress Reports. Conduct an inspection of the completed Component by a licensed professional and submit a Certification of Completion letter from the licensed professional to ensure that the Component was constructed per the final design plans and specifications.

Deliverables:

- Summaries of activities and photo documentation pre-construction, construction and post construction to include in the associated quarterly Progress Reports
- Record drawings, as required
- Proof of equipment and materials purchased
- Inspection Reports, as required
- Certification of Completion Letter, as required
- Acknowledgement of Credit signage

Category (d): Monitoring / Assessment
Collected and analyze monitoring data from equipment installed in Task 5. Develop Best Management Practices (BMPs) for water use efficiency from data collected from the demonstration projects. Provide guidance to landowners regarding water use efficiency BMPs. Incorporate BMPs into the Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan.

Deliverables:

- Technical memorandum summarizing BMPs

Category (e): Engagement / Outreach
Conduct outreach to landowners within the Basin by distributing water use surveys. Coordinate with and provide outreach materials to GSA member agencies, landowners, and stakeholders to identify acceptable project sites and cooperating landowners. Survey members for feedback and input for consideration during the site selection process. Develop protocols to quantify and report actions.

Deliverables:

- All outreach materials, as required
- Meeting agendas and minutes, as required.
- Memorandum summarizing outreach survey data

COMPONENT 8: RECYCLED WATER FEASIBILITY STUDY
Component 8 consists of a recycled water feasibility study, which will analyze possible service areas for the use of recycled water to assess hydrologic effects on river flows and identify the area that maximizes the benefit to cost ratio of using non-potable recycled water to replace groundwater pumped to support agriculture or infiltration to supplement recharge. Project alternatives will consist of the delivery of recycled water to different agricultural areas downstream of the LRWRP and infiltration to recharge the Lower Aquifer. The alternatives, including the No-Action alternative (current conditions), will be evaluated based on a variety of factors, including but not limited to technical feasibility, cost, energy requirements, benefits to stakeholders, and alignment with goals set by the GSP. The results of the analysis and the recommended project (including the costs, conceptual design, implementation plan, as applicable, and legal review and recommendations) will be summarized in the feasibility study report.

Category (a): Component Administration
Prepare reports detailing component work completed during reporting period as outlined in Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements" of this Agreement, for inclusion in Component 1 Quarterly Progress Reports. Quarterly Progress Reports will include sufficient information for the DWR Grant Manager to understand and review backup documentation submitted with invoices. Quarterly invoices will accompany the Quarterly Progress Reports. Collect and organize backup documentation by the Component 8 budget category and task and prepare a summary Excel document detailing contents of the backup documentation organized by task.

Prepare the Draft Component Completion Report and submit it to the DWR Grant Manager for comment and review 90 days before the work completion date for the component. DWR's Grant Manager will review the Draft Component Completion Report and provide comments and edits within 30 days of receipt, when possible. Submit a Final Component Completion Report addressing the DWR Grant Manager's comments within 30 days before the work completion date. The report shall be prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements" and approved by the DWR Grant Manager within 30 days after the work completion date. All deliverables listed within the Work Plan shall be submitted with the Final Component Completion Report unless a new deliverable due date was approved by the DWR Grant Manager.

Deliverables:
- Component reporting to be included in Quarterly Progress Reports and Invoices
- Draft and Final Component Completion Reports

Category (b): Environmental / Design / Engineering
Evaluate alternatives for the use of non-potable recycled water downstream of the LRWRP. Update the numerical groundwater model. Develop feasibility cost estimates to rank and prioritize alternatives. Modify the existing City of Lompoc permit allow the necessary change in LRWRP discharge location.

Develop a conceptual design, including conceptual site plans, and proposed pipeline alignments. Develop conceptual operations and maintencne costs and requirements for the conceptual design.

Prepare a final Recycled Water Feasibility Study Report.

Deliverables:
- Recycled Water Feasibility Study Report
- Technical Memorandum that documenting model update and alternatives analysis

Category (c): Implementation / Construction
Not applicable to this Component.

Category (d): Monitoring / Assessment
Not applicable to this Component.

Category (e): Engagement / Outreach
Coordinate with and provide outreach materials to GSA member agencies, Citizens Advisory Groups (CAGs), landowners, and stakeholders to identify acceptable project sites and cooperating landowners. Survey members for feedback and input for consideration during the site selection process.

Deliverables:

- All outreach materials, as required
- Meeting agendas and minutes, as required.

Exhibit B

BUDGET

Grant Title: SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin

Grantee: Santa Ynez River WCD

Components	Grant Amount
Component 1: Grant Administration	$154,000
Component 2: Well Extraction Measurement Demonstration Projects and Basin Reporting Program	$741,000
Component 3: Santa Ynez River Basin WMA, CMA and EMA – SGMA Rate Study	$82,000
Component 4 : Basin GSPs 5-Year Update	$1,492,000
Component 5 : Monitoring Improvement and Expansion	$1,845,000
Component 6: Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project Designs	$335,000
Component 7 : Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan	$600,000
Component 8: Recycled Water Feasibility Study	$285,000
Total:	**$5,534,000**

Component 1: Grant Administration

Component serves a need of a DAC, SDAC, Tribe and/or Underrepresented Community?

(check all that apply): ☐DAC, ☐SDAC, ☐Tribe, and/or ☐Underrepresented Community

Budget Categories	Grant Amount
(a) Grant Agreement Administration	$154,000
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$0
(c) Implementation / Construction	$0
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$0
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$0
Total:	**$154,000**

Component 2: Well Extraction Measurement Demonstration Projects and Basin Reporting Program

Component 2 serves a need of a DAC, SDAC, Tribe and/or Underrepresented Community?

(check all that apply): ☒DAC, ☒SDAC, ☒Tribe, and/or ☒Underrepresented Community

Budget Categories	Grant Amount
(a) Component Administration	$90,000
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$88,000
(c) Implementation / Construction	$413,000
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$100,000
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$50,000
Total:	**$741,000**

Component 3: Santa Ynez River Basin WMA, CMA and EMA – SGMA Rate Study

Component 3 serves a need of a DAC, SDAC, Tribe and/or Underrepresented Community?

(check all that apply): ☒DAC, ☒SDAC, ☒Tribe, and/or ☒Underrepresented Community

Budget Categories	Grant Amount
(a) Component Administration	$7,000
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$0
(c) Implementation / Construction	$0
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$75,000
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$0
Total:	**$82,000**

Component 4: Basin GSPs 5-Year Update

Component 4 serves a need of a DAC, SDAC, Tribe and/or Underrepresented Community?

(check all that apply): ☒DAC, ☒SDAC, ☒Tribe, and/or ☒Underrepresented Community

Budget Categories	Grant Amount
(a) Component Administration	$75,000
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$0
(c) Implementation / Construction	$0
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$1,309,000
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$108,000
Total:	**$1,492,000**

Component 5: Monitoring Improvement and Expansion

Component 5 serves a need of a DAC, SDAC, Tribe and/or Underrepresented Community?

(check all that apply): ☒DAC, ☒SDAC, ☒Tribe, and/or ☒Underrepresented Community

Budget Categories	Grant Amount
(a) Component Administration	$100,000
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$175,000
(c) Implementation / Construction	$890,000
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$580,000
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$100,000
Total:	**$1,845,000**

Component 6: Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project Designs

Component 6 serves a need of a DAC, SDAC, Tribe and/or Underrepresented Community?

(check all that apply): ☒DAC, ☒SDAC, ☒Tribe, and/or ☒Underrepresented Community

Budget Categories	Grant Amount
(a) Component Administration	$20,000
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$270,000
(c) Implementation / Construction	$0
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$0
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$45,000
Total:	**$335,000**

Component 7: Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan

Component 7 serves a need of a DAC, SDAC, Tribe and/or Underrepresented Community?

(check all that apply): ☒DAC, ☒SDAC, ☒Tribe, and/or ☒Underrepresented Community

Budget Categories	Grant Amount
(a) Component Administration	$58,000
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$158,000
(c) Implementation / Construction	$258,000
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$32,000
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$94,000
Total:	**$600,000**

Component 8: Recycled Water Feasibility Study

Component 8 serves a need of a DAC, SDAC, Tribe and/or Underrepresented Community?

(check all that apply): ☒DAC, ☒SDAC, ☒Tribe, and/or ☒Underrepresented Community

Budget Categories	Grant Amount
(a) Component Administration	$25,000
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	$205,000
(c) Implementation / Construction	$0
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	$0
(e) Engagement / Outreach	$55,000
Total:	**$285,000**

Exhibit C

SCHEDULE

Grant Title: SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin

Categories	Start Date[1]	End Date[1]
Component 1: Grant Administration	**10/04/2022**	**04/30/2026**
(a) Component Administration	10/04/2022	04/30/2026
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	N/A	N/A
(c) Implementation / Construction	N/A	N/A
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	N/A	N/A
(e) Engagement / Outreach	N/A	N/A
Component 2: Well Extraction Measurement Demonstration Projects and Basin Reporting Program	**10/04/2022**	**04/30/2026**
(a) Component Administration	10/04/2022	04/30/2026
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	01/01/2023	01/01/2024
(c) Implementation / Construction	01/01/2024	09/02/2025
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	06/02/2025	04/30/2026
(e) Engagement / Outreach	01/01/2023	04/30/2026
Component 3: Santa Ynez River Basin WMA, CMA and EMA – SGMA Rate Study	**10/04/2022**	**04/30/2026**
(a) Component Administration	10/04/2022	04/30/2026
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	06/01/2023	04/30/2026
(c) Implementation / Construction	N/A	N/A
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	N/A	N/A
(e) Engagement / Outreach	N/A	N/A
Component 4: Basin GSPs 5-Year Update	**10/04/2022**	**04/30/2026**
(a) Component Administration	10/04/2022	04/30/2026
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	N/A	N/A
(c) Implementation / Construction	N/A	N/A
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	10/04/2022	04/30/2026
(e) Engagement / Outreach	06/01/2023	04/30/2026
Component 5: Monitoring Improvement and Expansion	**10/04/2022**	**04/30/2026**
(a) Component Administration	10/04/2022	04/30/2026

Categories	Start Date[1]	End Date[1]
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	06/01/2023	04/30/2025
(c) Implementation / Construction	10/01/2023	04/30/2026
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	01/01/2024	04/30/2026
(e) Engagement / Outreach	06/01/2023	04/30/2026
Component 6: Stormwater Capture and Infiltration Project Designs	**10/04/2022**	**04/30/2026**
(a) Component Administration	10/04/2022	04/30/2026
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	10/01/2023	04/30/2026
(c) Implementation / Construction	N/A	N/A
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	N/A	N/A
(e) Engagement / Outreach	06/01/2023	04/30/2026
Component 7: Water Use Efficiency Strategic Plan	**10/04/2022**	**04/30/2026**
(a) Component Administration	10/04/2022	04/30/2026
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	10/01/2023	04/30/2026
(c) Implementation / Construction	10/01/2023	12/31/2024
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	01/01/2025	04/30/2026
(e) Engagement / Outreach	06/01/2023	04/30/2026
Component 8: Recycled Water Feasibility Study	**10/04/2022**	**04/30/2026**
(a) Component Administration	10/04/2022	04/30/2026
(b) Environmental / Engineering / Design	10/01/2023	04/30/2026
(c) Implementation / Construction	N/A	N/A
(d) Monitoring / Assessment	N/A	N/A
(e) Engagement / Outreach	06/01/2023	04/30/2026

NOTES:

[1]Exhibit C Schedule only dictates the work start date and the work end date for the Budget Category listed. The Grantee must adhere to the Deliverable Due Date Schedule that has been approved by the DWR Grant Manager. The dates listed in Exhibit C Schedule are date ranges that correlates to the Deliverable Due Date Schedule. Eligible costs for each line item will only be approved if the work completed falls within the date ranges listed in Exhibit C.

Exhibit D

STANDARD CONDITIONS

D.1. ACCOUNTING AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDING DISBURSEMENT:

A. Separate Accounting of Funding Disbursements: the Grantee shall account for the money disbursed pursuant to this Grant Agreement separately from all other Grantee funds. The Grantee shall maintain audit and accounting procedures that are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices, consistently applied. The Grantee shall keep complete and accurate records of all receipts and disbursements on expenditures of such funds. The Grantee shall require its contractors or subcontractors to maintain books, records, and other documents pertinent to their work in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices. Records are subject to inspection by the State at any and all reasonable times.

B. Disposition of Money Disbursed: All money disbursed pursuant to this Grant Agreement shall be deposited in a non-interest bearing account, administered, and accounted for pursuant to the provisions of applicable law.

C. Remittance of Unexpended Funds: The Grantee shall remit to the State any unexpended funds that were disbursed to the Grantee under this Grant Agreement and were not used to pay Eligible Project Costs within a period of sixty (60) calendar days from the final disbursement from the State to the Grantee of funds or, within thirty (30) calendar days of the expiration of the Grant Agreement, whichever comes first.

D.2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CREDIT AND SIGNAGE: The Grantee shall include appropriate acknowledgement of credit to the State for its support when promoting the Project or using any data and/or information developed under this Grant Agreement. Signage shall be posted in a prominent location at Project site(s) (if applicable) or at the Grantee's headquarters and shall include the Department of Water Resources color logo and the following disclosure statement: "Funding for this project has been provided in full or in part from The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 and through an agreement with the State Department of Water Resources." The Grantee shall also include in each of its contracts for work under this Agreement a provision that incorporates the requirements stated within this paragraph.

D.3. AMENDMENT: This Grant Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties, except insofar as any proposed amendments are in any way contrary to applicable law. Requests by the Grantee for amendments must be in writing stating the amendment request and the reason for the request. Requests solely for a time extension must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the work completion date set forth in Paragraph 2, "Term of Grant Agreement." Any other request for an amendment must be submitted at least 180 days prior to the work completion date set forth in Paragraph 2, "Term of Grant Agreement." The State shall have no obligation to agree to an amendment.

D.4. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: By signing this Grant Agreement, the Grantee assures the State that it complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA.

D.5. AUDITS: The State reserves the right to conduct an audit at any time between the execution of this Grant Agreement and the completion of the Project, with the costs of such audit borne by the State. After completion of the Project, the State may require the Grantee to conduct a final audit to the State's specifications, at the Grantee's expense, such audit to be conducted by and a report prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant. Failure or refusal by the Grantee to comply with this provision shall be considered a breach of this Grant Agreement, and the State may elect to pursue any remedies provided in Paragraph 9, "Default Provisions" or take any other action it deems necessary to protect its interests. The Grantee agrees it shall return any audit disallowances to the State.

Pursuant to Government Code section 8546.7, the Grantee shall be subject to the examination and audit by the State for a period of three (3) years after final payment under this Grant Agreement with respect of all matters connected with this Grant Agreement, including but not limited to, the cost of administering this Grant Agreement. All records of the Grantee or its contractor or subcontractors shall be preserved for this purpose for at least three (3) years after receipt of the final disbursement under this Agreement. If an audit reveals any impropriety, the Bureau of State Audits or the State Controller's Office may conduct a full audit of any or all of the Grantee's activities. (Pub. Resources Code, § 80012, subd. (b).)

D.6. BUDGET CONTINGENCY: If the Budget Act of the current year covered under this Grant Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for this program, this Grant Agreement shall be of no force and effect. This provision shall be construed as a condition precedent to the obligation of the State to make any payments under this Grant Agreement. In this event, the State shall have no liability to pay any funds whatsoever to the Grantee or to furnish any other considerations under this Grant Agreement and the Grantee shall not be obligated to perform any provisions of this Grant Agreement. Nothing in this Grant Agreement shall be construed to provide the Grantee with a right of priority for payment over any other Grantee. If funding for any fiscal year after the current year covered by this Grant Agreement is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act, by Executive Order, or by order of the Department of Finance, the State shall have the option to either cancel this Grant Agreement with no liability occurring to the State, or offer a Grant Agreement amendment to the Grantee to reflect the reduced amount.

D.7. CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS: The Grantee may use the services of the California Conservation Corps or other community conservation corps as defined in Public Resources Code section 14507.5.

D.8. CEQA: Activities funded under this Grant Agreement, regardless of funding source, must be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) Any work that is subject to CEQA and funded under this Agreement shall not proceed until documents that satisfy the CEQA process are received by the DWR Grant Manager and the State has completed its CEQA compliance. Work funded under this Agreement that is subject to a CEQA document shall not proceed until and unless approved by the Department of Water Resources. Such approval is fully discretionary and shall constitute a condition precedent to any work for which it is required. If CEQA compliance by the Grantee is not complete at the time the State signs this Agreement, once the State has considered the environmental documents, it may decide to require changes, alterations, or other mitigation to the Project; or to not fund the Project. Should the State decide to not fund the Project, this Agreement shall be terminated in accordance with Paragraph 9, "Default Provisions."

D.9. CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE ACT: The Grantee acknowledges in accordance with Public Contract Code section 7110, that:

A. The Grantee recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Family Code section 5200 et seq.; and

B. The Grantee, to the best of its knowledge is fully complying with the earnings assignment orders of all employees and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the California Employment Development Department.

D.10. CLAIMS DISPUTE: Any claim that the Grantee may have regarding performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, claims for additional compensation or extension of time, shall be submitted to the DWR Project Representative, within thirty (30) days of the Grantee's knowledge of the claim. The State and the Grantee shall then attempt to negotiate a resolution of such claim and process an amendment to this Agreement to implement the terms of any such resolution.

D.11. COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND PROCUREMENTS: The Grantee's contracts with other entities for the acquisition of goods and services and construction of public works with funds provided by the State under this Grant Agreement must be in writing and shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding the securing of competitive bids and undertaking competitive negotiations. If the Grantee does not have a written policy to award contracts through a competitive bidding or sole source process, the Department of General Services' *State Contracting Manual* rules must be followed and are available at: https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Resources/Page-Content/Office-of-Legal-Services-Resources-List-Folder/State-Contracting.

D.12. COMPUTER SOFTWARE: The Grantee certifies that it has appropriate systems and controls in place to ensure that state funds will not be used in the performance of this Grant Agreement for the acquisition, operation, or maintenance of computer software in violation of copyright laws.

D.13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST: All participants are subject to State and Federal conflict of interest laws. Failure to comply with these laws, including business and financial disclosure provisions, will result in the application being rejected and any subsequent contract being declared void. Other legal action may also be taken. Applicable statutes include, but are not limited to, Government Code section 1090 and Public Contract Code sections 10410 and 10411, for State conflict of interest requirements.

A. Current State Employees: No State officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise from which the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest and which is sponsored or funded by any State agency, unless the employment, activity, or enterprise is required as a condition of regular State employment. No State officer or employee shall contract on his or her own behalf as an independent contractor with any State agency to provide goods or services.

B. Former State Employees: For the two-year period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract in which he or she engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions, planning, arrangements, or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any State agency. For the twelve-month period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract with any State agency if he or she was employed by that State agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the twelve-month period prior to his or her leaving State service.

C. Employees of the Grantee: Employees of the Grantee shall comply with all applicable provisions of law pertaining to conflicts of interest, including but not limited to any applicable conflict of interest provisions of the California Political Reform Act. (Gov. Code, § 87100 et seq.)

D. Employees and Consultants to the Grantee: Individuals working on behalf of a Grantee may be required by the Department to file a Statement of Economic Interests (Fair Political Practices Commission Form 700) if it is determined that an individual is a consultant for Political Reform Act purposes.

D.14. DELIVERY OF INFORMATION, REPORTS, AND DATA: The Grantee agrees to expeditiously provide throughout the term of this Grant Agreement, such reports, data, information, and certifications as may be reasonably required by the State.

D.15. DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT: The Grantee shall provide to the State, not less than 30 calendar days prior to submission of the final invoice, an itemized inventory of equipment purchased with funds provided by the State. The inventory shall include all items with a current estimated fair market value of more than $5,000.00 per item. Within 60 calendar days of receipt of such inventory the State shall provide the Grantee with a list of the items on the inventory that the State will take title to. All other items shall become the property of the Grantee. The State shall arrange for delivery from the Grantee of items that it takes title to. Cost of transportation, if any, shall be borne by the State.

D.16. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION: Certification of Compliance: By signing this Grant Agreement, the Grantee, its contractors or subcontractors hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under

the laws of the State of California, compliance with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Gov. Code, § 8350 et seq.) and have or will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

A. Publish a statement notifying employees, contractors, and subcontractors that unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees, contractors, or subcontractors for violations, as required by Government Code section 8355.

B. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program, as required by Government Code section 8355 to inform employees, contractors, or subcontractors about all of the following:

   i. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace,

   ii. The Grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace,

   iii. Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and

   iv. Penalties that may be imposed upon employees, contractors, and subcontractors for drug abuse violations.

C. Provide, as required by Government Code section 8355, that every employee, contractor, and/or subcontractor who works under this Grant Agreement:

   i. Will receive a copy of the Grantee's drug-free policy statement, and

   ii. Will agree to abide by terms of the Grantee's condition of employment, contract or subcontract.

D.17. EASEMENTS: Where the Grantee acquires property in fee title or funds improvements to real property already owned in fee by the Grantee using State funds provided through this Grant Agreement, an appropriate easement or other title restriction shall be provided and approved by the State. The easement or other title restriction must be in first position ahead of any recorded mortgage or lien on the property unless this requirement is waived by the State.

Where the Grantee acquires an easement under this Agreement, the Grantee agrees to monitor and enforce the terms of the easement, unless the easement is subsequently transferred to another land management or conservation organization or entity with State permission, at which time monitoring and enforcement responsibilities will transfer to the new easement owner.

Failure to provide an easement or other title restriction acceptable to the State may result in termination of this Agreement.

D.18. FINAL INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION OF REGISTERED CIVIL ENGINEER: Upon completion of the Project, the Grantee shall provide for a final inspection and certification by a California Registered Civil Engineer that the Project has been completed in accordance with submitted final plans and specifications and any modifications thereto and in accordance with this Grant Agreement.

D.19. GRANTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES: The Grantee and its representatives shall:

A. Faithfully and expeditiously perform or cause to be performed all project work as described in Exhibit A, "Work Plan" and in accordance with Project Exhibit B, "Budget" and Exhibit C, "Schedule."

B. Must maintain eligibility requirements as outlined in the 2021 Guidelines, amended April 2023, and 2021 PSP and pursuant to Paragraph 10.

C. Accept and agree to comply with all terms, provisions, conditions, and written commitments of this Grant Agreement, including all incorporated documents, and to fulfill all assurances, declarations, representations, and statements made by the Grantee in the application, documents, amendments, and communications filed in support of its request for funding.

D. Comply with all applicable California, federal, and local laws and regulations.

E. Implement the Project in accordance with applicable provisions of the law.

F. Fulfill its obligations under the Grant Agreement and be responsible for the performance of the Project.

G. Obtain any and all permits, licenses, and approvals required for performing any work under this Grant Agreement, including those necessary to perform design, construction, or operation and maintenance of the Project. The Grantee shall provide copies of permits and approvals to the State.

H. Be solely responsible for design, construction, and operation and maintenance of projects within the work plan. Review or approval of plans, specifications, bid documents, or other construction documents by the State is solely for the purpose of proper administration of funds by the State and shall not be deemed to relieve or restrict responsibilities of the Grantee under this Agreement.

I. Be solely responsible for all work and for persons or entities engaged in work performed pursuant to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and providers of services. The Grantee shall be responsible for any and all disputes arising out of its contracts for work on the Project, including but not limited to payment disputes with contractors and subcontractors. The State will not mediate disputes between the Grantee and any other entity concerning responsibility for performance of work.

D.20. GOVERNING LAW: This Grant Agreement is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

D.21. INCOME RESTRICTIONS: The Grantee agrees that any refunds, rebates, credits, or other amounts (including any interest thereon) accruing to or received by the Grantee under this Agreement shall be paid by the Grantee to the State, to the extent that they are properly allocable to costs for which the Grantee has been reimbursed by the State under this Agreement. The Grantee shall also include in each of its contracts for work under this Agreement a provision that incorporates the requirements stated within this paragraph.

D.22. INDEMNIFICATION: The Grantee shall indemnify and hold and save the State, its officers, agents, and employees, free and harmless from any and all liabilities for any claims and damages (including inverse condemnation) that may arise out of the Project and this Agreement, and any breach of this Agreement. The Grantee shall require its contractors or subcontractors to name the State, its officers, agents and employees as additional insureds on their liability insurance for activities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

D.23. INDEPENDENT CAPACITY: The Grantee, and the agents and employees of the Grantees, in the performance of the Grant Agreement, shall act in an independent capacity and not as officers, employees, or agents of the State.

D.24. INSPECTION OF BOOKS, RECORDS, AND REPORTS: During regular office hours, each of the parties hereto and their duly authorized representatives shall have the right to inspect and to make copies of any books, records, or reports of either party pertaining to this Grant Agreement or matters related hereto. Each of the parties hereto shall maintain and shall make available at all times for such inspection accurate records of all its costs, disbursements, and receipts with respect to its activities under this Grant Agreement. Failure or refusal by the Grantee to comply with this provision shall be considered a breach of this Grant Agreement, and the State may withhold disbursements to the Grantee or take any other action it deems necessary to protect its interests.

D.25. INSPECTIONS OF PROJECT BY STATE: The State shall have the right to inspect the work being performed at any and all reasonable times during the term of the Grant Agreement. This right shall extend to any subcontracts, and the Grantee shall include provisions ensuring such access in all its contracts or subcontracts entered into pursuant to its Grant Agreement with the State.

D.26. LABOR CODE COMPLIANCE: The Grantee agrees to be bound by all the provisions of the Labor Code regarding prevailing wages and shall monitor all contracts subject to reimbursement from this Agreement to assure that the prevailing wage provisions of the Labor Code are being met. Current Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) requirements may be found at: http://www.dir.ca.gov/ lcp.asp.

For more information, please refer to DIR's *Public Works Manual* at: http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/PWManualCombined.pdf. The Grantee affirms that it is aware of the provisions of section 3700 of the Labor Code, which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance, and the Grantee affirms that it will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work under this Agreement and will make its contractors and subcontractors aware of this provision.

D.27. MODIFICATION OF OVERALL WORK PLAN: At the request of the Funding Recipient, the State may at its sole discretion approve non-material changes to the portions of Exhibits A, B, and C which concern the budget and schedule without formally amending this Funding Agreement. Non-material changes with respect to work plan are changes that help clarify the original language, addition of task without deleting others, and minor edits that will not result in change to the original scope. Non-material changes with respect to the budget are changes that only result in reallocation of the budget and will not result in an increase in the amount of the State Funding Agreement. Non-material changes with respect to the Project schedule are changes that will not extend the term of this Funding Agreement. Requests for non-material changes to the budget and schedule must be submitted by the Funding Recipient to the State in writing and are not effective unless and until specifically approved by the State's Program Manager in writing.

D.28. NONDISCRIMINATION: During the performance of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex (gender), sexual orientation, race, color, ancestry, religion, creed, national origin (including language use restriction), pregnancy, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (cancer/genetic characteristics), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of medial and family care leave or pregnancy disability leave. The Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. The Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code, § 12990) and the applicable regulations promulgated there under (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 11000 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing are incorporated into this Agreement by reference. The Grantee and its contractors or subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.

The Grantee shall include the nondiscrimination and compliance provisions of this clause in all subcontracts to perform work under the Grant Agreement.

D.29. OPINIONS AND DETERMINATIONS: Where the terms of this Grant Agreement provide for action to be based upon, judgment, approval, review, or determination of either party hereto, such terms are not intended to be and shall never be construed as permitting such opinion, judgment, approval, review, or determination to be arbitrary, capricious, or unreasonable.

D.30. PERFORMANCE BOND: Where contractors are used, the Grantee shall not authorize construction to begin until each contractor has furnished a performance bond in favor of the Grantee in the following amounts: faithful performance (100%) of contract value, and labor and materials (100%) of contract value. This requirement shall not apply to any contract for less than $25,000.00. Any bond issued pursuant to this paragraph must be issued by a California-admitted surety. (Pub. Contract Code, § 7103; Code Civ. Proc., § 995.311.)

D.31. PRIORITY HIRING CONSIDERATIONS: If this Grant Agreement includes services in excess of $200,000, the Grantee shall give priority consideration in filling vacancies in positions funded by the Grant Agreement to qualified recipients of aid under Welfare and Institutions Code section 11200 in accordance with Public Contract Code section 10353.

D.32. PROHIBITION AGAINST DISPOSAL OF PROJECT WITHOUT STATE PERMISSION: The Grantee shall not sell, abandon, lease, transfer, exchange, mortgage, hypothecate, or encumber in any manner

whatsoever all or any portion of any real or other property necessarily connected or used in conjunction with the Project, or with the Grantee's service of water, without prior permission of the State. The Grantee shall not take any action, including but not limited to actions relating to user fees, charges, and assessments that could adversely affect the ability of the Grantee meet its obligations under this Grant Agreement, without prior written permission of the State. The State may require that the proceeds from the disposition of any real or personal property be remitted to the State.

D.33. PROJECT ACCESS: The Grantee shall ensure that the State, the Governor of the State, or any authorized representative of the foregoing, will have safe and suitable access to the Project site at all reasonable times during Project construction and thereafter for the term of this Agreement.

D.34. REMAINING BALANCE: In the event the Grantee does not submit invoices requesting all of the funds encumbered under this Grant Agreement, any remaining funds revert to the State. The State will notify the Grantee stating that the Project file is closed and any remaining balance will be disencumbered and unavailable for further use under this Grant Agreement.

D.35. REMEDIES NOT EXCLUSIVE: The use by either party of any remedy specified herein for the enforcement of this Grant Agreement is not exclusive and shall not deprive the party using such remedy of, or limit the application of, any other remedy provided by law.

D.36. RETENTION: The State shall withhold ten percent (10%) of the funds requested by the Grantee for reimbursement of Eligible Project Costs until the Project is completed and Final Report is approved. Any retained amounts due to the Grantee will be promptly disbursed to the Grantee, without interest, upon completion of the Project.

D.37. RIGHTS IN DATA: The Grantee agrees that all data, plans, drawings, specifications, reports, computer programs, operating manuals, notes and other written or graphic work produced in the performance of this Grant Agreement shall be made available to the State and shall be in the public domain to the extent to which release of such materials is required under the California Public Records Act. (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.) The Grantee may disclose, disseminate and use in whole or in part, any final form data and information received, collected and developed under this Grant Agreement, subject to appropriate acknowledgement of credit to the State for financial support. The Grantee shall not utilize the materials for any profit-making venture or sell or grant rights to a third party who intends to do so. The State shall have the right to use any data described in this paragraph for any public purpose.

D.38. SEVERABILITY: Should any portion of this Grant Agreement be determined to be void or unenforceable, such shall be severed from the whole and the Grant Agreement shall continue as modified.

D.39. SUSPENSION OF PAYMENTS: This Grant Agreement may be subject to suspension of payments or termination, or both if the State determines that:

A. The Grantee, its contractors, or subcontractors have made a false certification, or

B. The Grantee, its contractors, or subcontractors violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements noted in this Grant Agreement.

D.40. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS: This Grant Agreement and all of its provisions shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the parties. No assignment or transfer of this Grant Agreement or any part thereof, rights hereunder, or interest herein by the Grantee shall be valid unless and until it is approved by the State and made subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as the State may impose.

D.41. TERMINATION BY THE GRANTEE: Subject to State approval which may be reasonably withheld, the Grantee may terminate this Agreement and be relieved of contractual obligations. In doing so, the Grantee must provide a reason(s) for termination. The Grantee must submit all progress reports summarizing accomplishments up until termination date.

D.42. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE: Subject to the right to cure under Paragraph 9, "Default Provisions," the State may terminate this Grant Agreement and be relieved of any payments should the Grantee fail to perform the requirements of this Grant Agreement at the time and in the manner herein, provided including but not limited to reasons of default under Paragraph 9, "Default Provisions."

D.43. TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE: The State may terminate this Agreement without cause on 30 days' advance written notice. The Grantee shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred up to the date of termination.

D.44. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES: The parties to this Agreement do not intend to create rights in, or grant remedies to, any third party as a beneficiary of this Agreement, or any duty, covenant, obligation or understanding established herein.

D.45. TIMELINESS: Time is of the essence in this Grant Agreement.

D.46. UNION ORGANIZING: The Grantee, by signing this Grant Agreement, hereby acknowledges the applicability of Government Code sections 16645 through 16649 to this Grant Agreement. Furthermore, the Grantee, by signing this Grant Agreement, hereby certifies that:

A. No State funds disbursed by this Grant Agreement will be used to assist, promote, or deter union organizing.

B. The Grantee shall account for State funds disbursed for a specific expenditure by this Grant Agreement to show those funds were allocated to that expenditure.

C. The Grantee shall, where State funds are not designated as described in (b) above, allocate, on a pro rata basis, all disbursements that support the program.

D. If the Grantee makes expenditures to assist, promote, or deter union organizing, the Grantee will maintain records sufficient to show that no State funds were used for those expenditures and that the Grantee shall provide those records to the Attorney General upon request.

D.47. VENUE: The State and the Grantee hereby agree that any action arising out of this Agreement shall be filed and maintained in the Superior Court in and for the County of Sacramento, California, or in the United States District Court in and for the Eastern District of California. The Grantee hereby waives any existing sovereign immunity for the purposes of this Agreement.

D.48. WAIVER OF RIGHTS: None of the provisions of this Grant Agreement shall be deemed waived unless expressly waived in writing. It is the intention of the parties here to that from time to time either party may waive any of its rights under this Grant Agreement unless contrary to law. Any waiver by either party of rights arising in connection with the Grant Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver with respect to any other rights or matters, and such provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Exhibit E

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 717

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MAKING AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION ROUND 2 GRANT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68) AND THE CALIFORNIA BUDGET ACT OF 2021, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE SGMA IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER BASIN

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code Section 10720 et seq.), as amended, which became effective January 1, 2015, pursuant to which certain public agencies may become Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) and adopt Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) in order to manage and regulate groundwater in underlying groundwater basins; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD), working with various other public agencies, formed three GSAs in different sections of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin), which basin is as identified and described in the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Buellton No. 118 (Basin No. 315); and

WHEREAS, each Memorandum of Agreement for the three GSAs names the SYRWCD as the point of contact to act on behalf of the GSAs as the Coordinating Agency with DWR; and

WHEREAS, SYRWCD, being the Coordinating Agency in the Basin, coordinated the development of and timely submitted to DWR for its review and approval three GSPs, one GSP for each of the Central, Eastern, and Western Management Areas, and submitted a Coordination Agreement, all prepared in compliance with SGMA and its regulations; and

WHEREAS, funds are limited locally to implement the three GSPs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors, that an application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the California Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 80), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the: **SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin**.

The Groundwater Program Manager and/or the General Manager of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of said District on the 7th day of December 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors:	Cynthia Allen Art Hibbits Steve Jordan Brett Marymee
NOES, Directors:	None
ABSENT/ABSTAINING, Directors:	Mark Altshuler

Authorized Original Signature: _____
Printed Name: Cynthia A. Allen
Title: President

Secretary: Amber M. Thompson

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District held on December 7, 2022.

Secretary: Amber M. Thompson
Amber M. Thompson

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

RESOLUTION CMA-2022-003

RESOLUTION APPROVING SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION ROUND 2 GRANT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68) AND THE CALIFORNIA BUDGET ACT OF 2021, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE PROJECT: SGMA IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER BASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") requires that each groundwater basin in the state be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Central Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin ("CMA GSA"), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017 ("CMA MOA"), is the exclusive GSA for the Central Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) ("Basin"); and

WHEREAS, the CMA MOA names the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) as the point of contact to act on behalf of the CMA GSA as the Coordinating Agency with DWR; and

WHEREAS, the CMA GSA, together with the other two GSAs in the Basin, has entered into the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement ("Coordination Agreement"), effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the CMA GSA has approved a GSP; and

WHEREAS, SYRWCD, being the Coordinating Agency in the Basin, coordinated the development of and submitted three approved GSPs that are well coordinated and fully comply with GSP regulations and are approvable by DWR, one GSP for each of the Central, Eastern, and

Western Management Areas, and submitted a Coordination Agreement, as appropriate for the Basin, prior to January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, funds are limited locally to implement the CMA GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, the CMA GSA hereby resolves that the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors, on behalf of the CMA GSA, make an application to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the California Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 80), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the: **SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin.**

The CMA GSA hereby authorizes and directs the Plan Manager designated under the Coordination Agreement to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the CMA GSA on November 28, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Cynthia Allen (Acting Alternate) and John Sanchez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:

John Sanchez, Vice-Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

RESOLUTION EMA-2022-004

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION ROUND 2 GRANT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68) AND THE CALIFORNIA BUDGET ACT OF 2021, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE PROJECT: SGMA IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER BASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") requires that each groundwater basin in the state be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Eastern Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin ("EMA GSA"), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated April 27, 2017 ("EMA MOA"), is the exclusive GSA for the Eastern Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) ("Basin"); and

WHEREAS, the EMA MOA names the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) as the point of contact with the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR"); and

WHEREAS, the EMA GSA, together with the other two GSAs in the Basin, has entered into the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement ("Coordination Agreement"), effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the EMA GSA has adopted a GSP for the EMA; and

WHEREAS, SYRWCD coordinated the development and submittal of three approved GSPs for the Basin that are well coordinated and fully comply with SGMA and the SGMA regulations and are approvable by DWR, one GSP for each of the Central, Eastern, and Western Management

Areas, and submitted a Coordination Agreement, as appropriate for the Basin, prior to January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, funds are limited locally to implement the EMA GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, the EMA GSA hereby resolves that the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors, on behalf of the EMA GSA and the other GSAs in the Basin, make an application to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the California Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 80), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the: **SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin.**

The EMA GSA hereby authorizes and directs SYRWCD, as the Plan Manager designated under the Coordination Agreement as defined in SGMA Regulations section 351(z), to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the EMA GSA on November 17, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Meighan Dietenhofer (acting alternate), Mark Infanti, Brad Joos, and Brett Marymee
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:

Brett Marymee, Chairman

William J. Buelow, Secretary

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

RESOLUTION WMA-2022-003

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION ROUND 2 GRANT PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT, WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 (PROPOSITION 68) AND THE CALIFORNIA BUDGET ACT OF 2021, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE PROJECT: SGMA IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER BASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") requires that each groundwater basin in the state be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin ("WMA GSA"), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017 ("WMA MOA"), is the exclusive GSA for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) ("Basin"); and

WHEREAS, the WMA MOA names the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) as the point of contact for the WMA with the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR"); and

WHEREAS, the WMA GSA, together with the other two GSAs in the Basin, has entered into the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement ("Coordination Agreement"), effective January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the WMA GSA has adopted a GSP for the WMA; and

WHEREAS, SYRWCD coordinated the development and submittal of three approved GSPs for the Basin that are well coordinated and fully comply with SGMA and the SGMA regulations and are approvable by DWR, one GSP for each of the Central, Western, and Western Management

Areas, and submitted a Coordination Agreement, as appropriate for the Basin, prior to January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, funds are limited locally to implement the WMA GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, the WMA GSA hereby resolves that the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors, on behalf of the WMA GSA and the other GSAs in the Basin, make an application to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the California Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 80), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the: **SGMA Implementation in the Santa Ynez River Basin.**

The WMA GSA hereby authorizes and directs SYRWCD, as the Plan Manager designated under the Coordination Agreement as defined in SGMA Regulations section 351(z), to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the WMA GSA on November 16, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin, Steve Jordan, Kristin Worthley
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:

Chris Brooks, Chair

William J. Buelow, Secretary

REPORT FORMATS AND REQUIREMENTS

The following reporting formats should be utilized. Please obtain State approval prior to submitting a report in an alternative format.

1. QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS

A Quarterly Progress Report template will be provided by the DWR Grant Manager. Grantees must use the template provided for all Quarterly Progress Reports to obtain reimbursement reported. The Quarterly Progress Report must accompany an Invoice and be numbered the same for ease of reference for auditing purposes. In addition, the reporting period for the Quarterly Progress Report must also align with the corresponding quarterly Invoice.

2. COMPONENT COMPLETION REPORT

Component Completion Reports shall generally use the following format. This report should summarize all work completed as part of this grant.. This is standalone document and should not reference other documents or websites. Web links are edited or removed over time. These grants can be audited several years after they are closed. Therefore, links are not appropriate to include in the close out reports.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – Should include a brief summary of project information and include the following items:

- Brief description of work proposed to be done in the original application
- Description of actual work completed and any deviations from the work plan identified in the Grant Agreement

REPORTS AND/OR PRODUCTS – The following items should be provided

- Final Evaluation report
- Electronic copies of any data collected, not previously submitted
- As-built drawings
- Final geodetic survey information
- Self-Certification that the Project meets the stated goal of the Grant Agreement (e.g. 100-year level of flood protection, HMP standard, PI-84-99, etc.)
- Project photos
- Discussion of problems that occurred during the work and how those problems were resolved
- A final project schedule showing actual progress versus planned progress

COSTS AND DISPOSITION OF FUNDS – A list of showing:

- The date each invoice was submitted to the State
- The amount of the invoice
- The date the check was received
- The amount of the check (If a check has not been received for the final invoice, then state this in this section.)
- A summary of the payments made by the Grantee for meeting its cost sharing obligations under this Grant Agreement.
- A summary of final funds disbursement including:
    - Labor cost of personnel of agency/ major consultant /sub-consultants. Indicate personnel, hours, rates, type of profession and reason for consultant, i.e., design, CEQA work, etc.
    - Evaluation cost information, shown by material, equipment, labor costs, and any change orders
    - Any other incurred cost detail

  - A statement verifying separate accounting of funding disbursements
- Summary of project cost including the following items:
  - Accounting of the cost of project expenditure;
  - Include all internal and external costs not previously disclosed; and
  - A discussion of factors that positively or negatively affected the project cost and any deviation from the original project cost estimate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION – Any relevant additional Information should be included.

3. GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

The Grant Completion Report shall generally use the following format. This report should summarize all work completed as part of this grant.. This is standalone document and should not reference other documents or websites. Web links are edited or removed over time. These grants can be audited several years after they are closed. Therefore, links are not appropriate to include in the close out reports.

- Executive Summary: consisting of a maximum of ten (10) pages summarizing information for the grant as well as the individual projects.
- Brief discussion whether the level, type, or magnitude of benefits of each project are comparable to the original project proposal; any remaining work to be completed and mechanism for their implementation; and a summary of final funds disbursement for each project.

Additional Information: Summary of the submittal schedule for the Post Performance Reports applicable for the projects in this Grant Agreement.

4. POST-PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Post Performance Report (PPR) should be concise and focus on how each project is performing compared to its expected performance. The PPR should be following the Methodology Report for the specific project type(s) provided by the DWR Grant Manager. The PPR should identify whether the project is being operated and maintained. DWR requirements is for all funded projects should be maintained and operated for a minimum of 15 years. If the project is not being maintained and operated, justification must be provided. A PPR template may be provided by the assigned DWR Grant Manager upon request. The PPR should follow the general format of the template and provide requested information as applicable. The following information, at a minimum, shall be provided:

Reports and/or products

- Header including the following:
  - Grantee Name
  - Implementing Agency (if different from Grantee)
  - Grant Agreement Number
  - Project Name
  - Funding grant source
  - Report number
- Post Performance Report schedule
- Time period of the annual report (e.g., January 2018 through December 2018)
- Project Description Summary
- Discussion of the project benefits
- An assessment of any differences between the expected versus actual project benefits as stated in the original application. Where applicable, the reporting should include quantitative metrics (e.g., new acre-feet of water produced that year, etc.).
- Summary of any additional costs and/or benefits deriving from the project since its completion, if applicable.
- Any additional information relevant to or generated by the continued operation of the project.

Exhibit G

REQUIREMENTS FOR DATA SUBMITTAL

Surface and Groundwater Quality Data:

Groundwater quality and ambient surface water quality monitoring data that include chemical, physical, or biological data shall be submitted to the State as described below, with a narrative description of data submittal activities included in project reports, as described in Exhibit G, "Requirements for Data Submittal."

Surface water quality monitoring data shall be prepared for submission to the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN). The CEDEN data templates are available on the CEDEN website. Inclusion of additional data elements described on the data templates is desirable. Data ready for submission should be uploaded to your CEDEN Regional Data Center via the CEDEN website. CEDEN website: z.

If a project's Work Plan contains a groundwater ambient monitoring element, groundwater quality monitoring data shall be submitted to the State for inclusion in the State Water Resources Control Board's Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program Information on the GAMA Program can be obtained at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gama/. If further information is required, the Grantee can contact the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) GAMA Program. A listing of SWRCB staff involved in the GAMA program can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/gama/contact.shtml.

Groundwater Level Data

For each project that collects groundwater level data, the Grantee will need to submit this data to DWR's Water Data Library (WDL), with a narrative description of data submittal activities included in project reports, as described in Exhibit F, "Report Formats and Requirements." Information regarding the WDL and in what format to submit data in can be found at: http://www.water.ca.gov/waterdatalibrary/.

Exhibit H

STATE AUDIT DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

The following provides a list of documents typically required by State Auditors and general guidelines for Grantees. List of documents pertains to both State funding and the Grantee's Local Cost Share and details the documents/records that State Auditors would need to review in the event of this Grant Agreement is audited. Grantees should ensure that such records are maintained for each funded project.

State Audit Document Requirements

Internal Controls

1. Organization chart (e.g., Agency's overall organization chart and organization chart for the State funded Program/Project).
2. Written internal procedures and flowcharts for the following:
   a) Receipts and deposits
   b) Disbursements
   c) State reimbursement requests
   d) Expenditure tracking of State funds
   e) Guidelines, policy, and procedures on State funded Program/Project
3. Audit reports of the Agency internal control structure and/or financial statements within the last two years.
4. Prior audit reports on the State funded Program/Project.

State Funding:

1. Original Grant Agreement, any amendment(s) and budget modification documents.
2. A listing of all bond-funded grants, loans, or subventions received from the State.
3. A listing of all other funding sources for each Program/Project.

Contracts:

1. All subcontractor and consultant contracts and related or partners' documents, if applicable.
2. Contracts between the Agency and member agencies as related to the State funded Program/Project.

Invoices:

1. Invoices from vendors and subcontractors for expenditures submitted to the State for payments under the Grant Agreement.
2. Documentation linking subcontractor invoices to State reimbursement, requests and related Grant Agreement budget line items.
3. Reimbursement requests submitted to the State for the Grant Agreement.

Cash Documents:

1. Receipts (copies of warrants) showing payments received from the State.
2. Deposit slips (or bank statements) showing deposit of the payments received from the State.
3. Cancelled checks or disbursement documents showing payments made to vendors, subcontractors, consultants, and/or agents under the grants or loans.
4. Bank statements showing the deposit of the receipts.

Accounting Records:

1. Ledgers showing entries for funding receipts and cash disbursements.
2. Ledgers showing receipts and cash disbursement entries of other funding sources.
3. Bridging documents that tie the general ledger to requests for Grant Agreement reimbursement.

Administration Costs:

1. Supporting documents showing the calculation of administration costs.

Personnel:

1. List of all contractors and Agency staff that worked on the State funded Program/Project.
2. Payroll records including timesheets for contractor staff and the Agency personnel who provided services charged to the program

Project Files:

1. All supporting documentation maintained in the project files.
2. All Grant Agreement related correspondence.

Exhibit I

PROJECT LOCATION

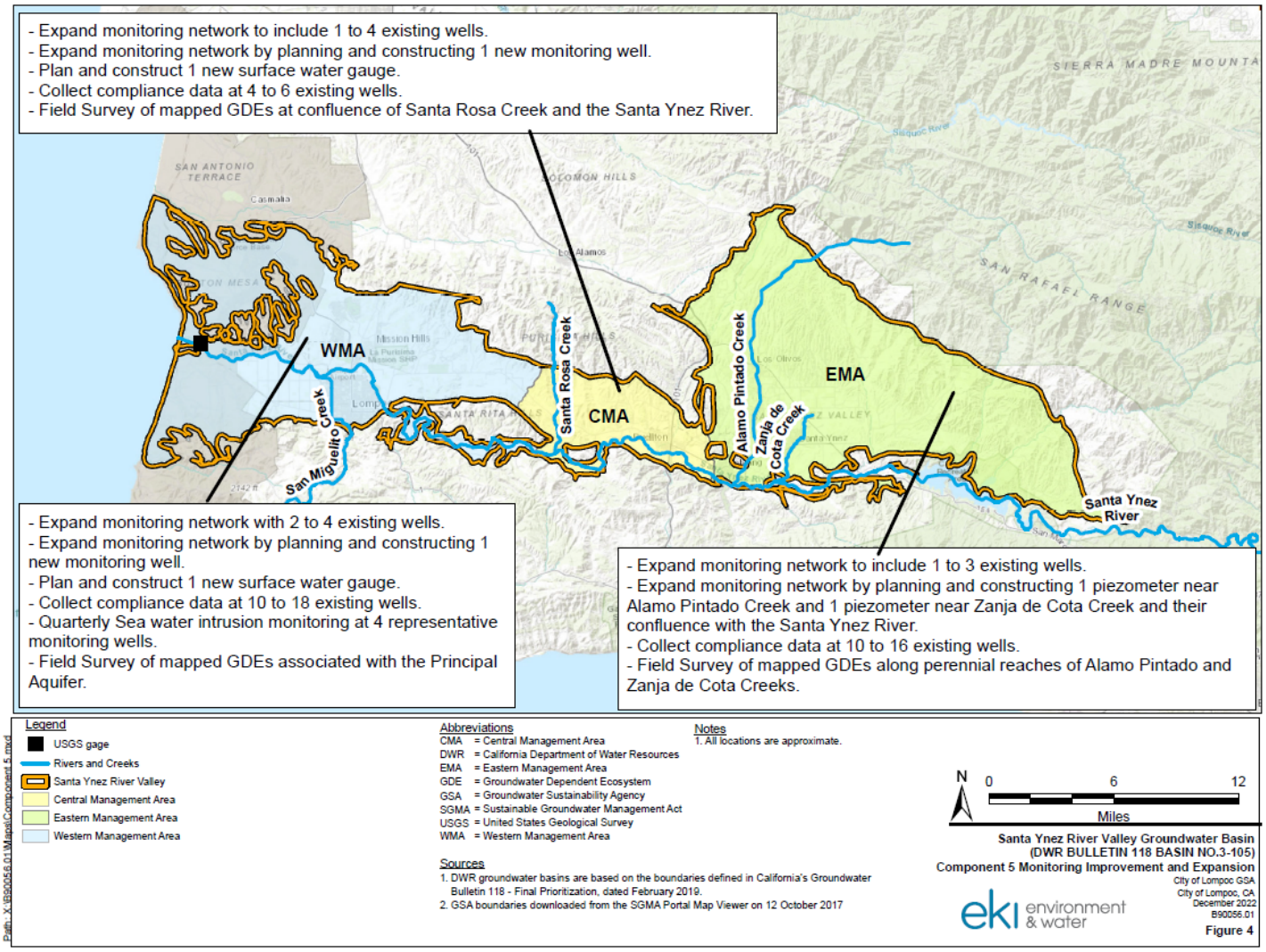


Exhibit J

MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE PLAN COMPONENTS AND GUIDANCE

Introduction

- Goals and objectives of project
- Site location and history
- Improvements implemented
- Monitoring and Reporting Plan

For each construction Component or Project contained in Exhibit A, a post-performance monitoring and reporting plan shall be submitted according to the Monitoring Method(s) developed by DWR. The Monitoring Methods are designed to provide the necessary steps needed to monitor Components or Project within the grant to DWR's monitoring standards. The detailed Monitoring Methods and protocols specific to the Components or Project listed in Exhibit A will be provided by the Grant Manager. The full monitoring method report is available on the SGM Grant Program website at: www.water.ca.gov/sgmgrants.

Exhibit K

APPRAISAL SPECIFICATIONS

NOT APPLICABLE

For property acquisitions funded this Grant Agreement, the Grantee must submit an appraisal for review and approval by the Department of General Services or DWR's Real Estate Branch prior to reimbursement or depositing State funds into an escrow account. All appraisal reports, regardless of report format, must include all applicable Appraisal Specifications below. Appraisals for a total compensation of $150,000 or more shall be reported as a Self-Contained Appraisal Report. Appraisals for a total compensation of less than $150,000 may be reported as a Summary Appraisal Report, which includes all information necessary to arrive at the appraiser's conclusion. Appraisal Specifications 14, 16, 21, 23-25, and 28 shall be narrative analysis regardless of the reporting format.

1. Title page with sufficient identification of appraisal assignment.
2. Letter of transmittal summarizing important assumptions and conclusions, value estimate, date of value and date of report.
3. Table of contents.
4. Assumptions and Limiting Conditions, Extraordinary Assumptions, and Hypothetical Conditions as needed.
5. Description of the scope of work, including the extent of data collection and limitations, if any, in obtaining relevant data.
6. Definition of Fair Market Value, as defined by Code of Civil Procedure, section 1263.320.
7. Photographs of subject property and comparable data, including significant physical features and the interior of structural improvements, if applicable.
8. Copies of Tax Assessor's plat map with the subject marked along with all contiguous assessor's parcels that depict the ownership.
9. A legal description of the subject property, if available.
10. For large, remote or inaccessible parcels, provide aerial photographs or topographical maps depicting the subject boundaries.
11. Three-year subject property history, including sales, listings, leases, options, zoning, applications for permits, or other documents or facts that might indicate or affect use or value.
12. Discussion of any current Agreement of Sale, option, or listing of subject property. This issue required increased diligence since state agencies often utilize non-profit organizations to quickly acquire sensitive-habitat parcels using Option Agreements. However, due to confidentiality clauses, the terms of the Option are often not disclosed to the State. If the appraiser discovers evidence of an Option or the possible existence of an Option, and the terms cannot be disclosed due to a confidentiality clause, then the appraiser is to cease work and contact the client.
13. Regional, area, and neighborhood analyses. This information may be presented in a summary format.
14. Market conditions and trends including identification of the relevant market area, a discussion of supply and demand within the relevant market area, and a discussion of the relevant market factors impacting demand for site acquisition and leasing within the relevant market area. This information may be presented in a summary format.
15. Discussion of subject land/site characteristics (size, topography, current use, elevations, zoning and land use issues, development entitlements, General Plan designation, utilities, offsite improvements, access, land features such as levees and creeks, offsite improvements, easements and encumbrances, covenants,

conditions and restrictions, flood and earthquake information, toxic hazards, water rights, mineral rights, toxic hazards, taxes and assessments, etc.).

16. Description of subject improvements including all structures, square footage, physical age, type of construction, quality of construction, condition of improvements and/or identification of any permanent plantings. Discussion of construction cost methodology, costs included and excluded, accrued depreciation from all causes, remaining economic life, items of deferred maintenance and cost to cure, and incurable items. Construction cost data must include cost data source, date of estimate or date of publication of cost manual, section and page reference of cost manual, copies of cost estimate if provided from another source, replacement or reproduction cost method used, and supporting calculations including worksheets or spreadsheets.
17. Subject property leasing and operating cost history, including all items of income and expense.
18. Analysis and conclusion of the larger parcel for partial taking appraisals. For partial taking appraisals, Appraisal Specifications generally apply to the larger parcel rather than an ownership where the larger parcel is not the entire ownership.
19. Include a copy of a recent preliminary title report (within the past year) as an appraisal exhibit. Discuss the title exceptions and analyze the effect of title exceptions on fair market value.
20. For appraisals of partial takings or easements, a detailed description of the taking or easement area including surface features and topography, easements, encumbrances or improvements including levees within the subject partial take or easement, and whether the take area is characteristic of the larger parcel. Any characteristics of the taking area, including existing pre-project levees that render the take area different from the larger parcel must be addressed in the valuation.
21. Opinion of highest and best use for the subject property, based on an in depth analysis supporting the concluded use which includes the detail required by the complexity of the analysis. Such support typically requires a discussion of the four criteria of tests utilized to determine the highest and best use of a property. If alternative feasible uses exist, explain and support market, development, cash flow, and risk factors leading to an ultimate highest and best use decision.
22. All approaches to market value applicable to the property type and in the subject market. Explain and support the exclusion of any usual approaches to value.
23. Map(s) showing all comparable properties in relation to the subject property.
24. Photographs and plat maps of comparable properties.
25. In depth discussion of comparable properties, similarities and differences compared to the subject, adjustments to the comparable data, and discussion of the reliability and credibility of the data as it relates to the indicated subject property value. Improved comparable sales which are used to compare to vacant land subject properties must include an allocation between land and improvements, using methodology similar to methodology used in item 16 above to estimate improvement value when possible, with an explanation of the methodology used.
26. Comparable data sheets.
    a) For sales, include information on grantor/Grantee, sale/recordation dates, listed or asking price as of the date of sale, highest and best use, financing, conditions of sale, buyer motivation, sufficient location information (street address, post mile, and/or distance from local landmarks such as bridges, road intersections, structures, etc.), land/site characteristics, improvements, source of any allocation of sale price between land and improvements, and confirming source.
    b) For listings, also include marketing time from list date to effective date of the appraisal, original list price, changes in list price, broker feedback, if available.
    c) For leases, include significant information such as lessor/lessee, lease date and term, type of lease, rent and escalation, expenses, size of space leased, tenant improvement allowance, concessions, use

restrictions, options, and confirming source. When comparing improved sales to a vacant land subject, the contributory value of the improvements must be segregated from the land value.

27. For appraisals of easements, a before and after analysis of the burden of the easement on the fee, with attention to how the easement affects highest and best use in the after condition. An Easement Valuation Matrix or generalized easement valuation references may be used ONLY as a reference for a secondary basis of value.
28. For partial taking and easement appraisals, valuation of the remainder in the after condition and analysis and identification of any change in highest and best use or other characteristics in the after condition, to establish severance damages to the remainder in the after condition, and a discussion of special and general benefits, and cost to cure damages or construction contract work.
29. There are occasions where properties involve water rights, minerals, or salable timber that require separate valuations. If an appraisal assignment includes water rights, minerals, or merchantable timber that requires separate valuation, the valuation of the water rights, minerals, or merchantable timber must be completed by a credentialed subject matter specialist.
30. For partial taking and easement appraisals, presentation of the valuation in California partial taking acquisition required format.
31. Implied dedication statement.
32. Reconciliation and final value estimate. Include analysis and comparison of the comparable sales to the subject, and explain and support conclusions reached.
33. Discussion of any departures taken in the development of the appraisal.
34. Signed Certification consistent with the language found in Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.
35. If applicable, in addition to the above, appraisals of telecommunication sites must also provide:
    a) A discussion of market conditions and trends including identification of the relevant market, a discussion of supply and demand within the relevant market area and a discussion of the relevant market factors impacting demand for site acquisition and leasing within the relevant market area.

An analysis of other (ground and vault) leases comparable to subject property. Factors to be discussed in the analysis include the latitude, longitude, type of tower, tower height, number of rack spaces, number of racks occupied, placement of racks, power source and adequacy, back-up power, vault and site improvements description and location on site, other utilities; access, and road maintenance costs.

Exhibit L

INFORMATION NEEDED FOR ESCROW PROCESSING AND CLOSURE

NOT APPLICABLE

The Grantee must provide the following documents to the State Project Representative during the escrow process. Property acquisition escrow documents must be submitted within the term of this Grant Agreement and after a qualified appraisal has been approved.

- Name and Address of Title Company Handling the Escrow
- Escrow Number
- Name of Escrow Officer
- Escrow Officer's Phone Number
- Dollar Amount Needed to Close Escrow
- Legal Description of Property Being Acquired
- Assessor's Parcel Number(s) of Property Being Acquired
- Copy of Title Insurance Report
- Entity Taking Title as Named Insured on Title Insurance Policy
- Copy of Escrow Instructions in Draft Form Prior to Recording for Review Purposes
- Copy of Final Escrow Instructions
- Verification that all Encumbrances (Liens, Back Taxes, and Similar Obligations) have been Cleared Prior to Recording the Deed to Transfer Title
- Copy of Deed for Review Purposes Prior to Recording
- Copy of Deed as Recorded in County Recorder's Office
- Copy of Escrow Closure Notice

EXHIBIT M

INVOICE GUIDANCE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OVERHEAD CHARGES

The funds provided pursuant to this Agreement may only be used for costs that are directly related to the funded Project. The following provides a list of typical requirements for invoicing, specifically providing guidance on the appropriate methods for invoicing administrative and direct overhead charges.

Administration Charges

Indirect and General Overhead (i.e., indirect overhead) charges are not an allowable expense for reimbursement. However, administrative expenses that are apportioned directly to the project are eligible for reimbursement. Cost such as rent, office supplies, fringe benefits, etc. can be "Direct Costs" and are eligible expenses as long as:

- There is a consistent, articulated method for how the costs are allocated that is submitted and approved by the Grant Manager. The allocation method must be fully documented for auditors.
- A "fully-burdened labor rate" can be used to capture allowable administrative costs.
- The administrative/overhead costs can never include:
    - Non-project specific personnel and accounting services performed within the Grantee or an LPS' organization
    - Generic markup
    - Tuition
    - Conference fees
    - Building and equipment depreciation or use allowances
- Using a general overhead percentage is never allowed

Labor Rates

The Grantee must provide DWR with supporting documentation for personnel hours (see personnel billing rates letter in example invoice packet). The personnel rate letter should be submitted to the DWR Grant Manager prior to submittal of the first invoice. The supporting documentation must include, at a minimum, employee classifications that will reimbursed by grant funds and the corresponding hourly rate range. These rates should be "burdened"; the burdened rate must be consistent with the Grantee's/Local Project Sponsors standardized allocation methodology. The supporting documentation should also provide an explanation of what costs make up the burdened rate and how those costs were determined. This information will be used to compare against personnel hours summary table invoice back up documentation. Periodic updates may be needed during the life of the grant which would be handled through a revised billing rate letter

2026 Conferences & Training

California Special Districts Association (CSDA)

- Annual Conference and Exhibitor Showcase – August 24-27, 2026 (Monday – Thursday)
  JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa, Palm Desert

- Special Districts Leadership Academy (SDLA)

  1. **San Diego – May 11-14, 2026 (Monday – Thurs.)**
     Embassy Suites by Hilton San Diego Bay, San Diego
  2. **San Rafael – July 19-22, 2026 (Sunday – Wed.)**
     Embassy Suites by Hilton San Rafael Marin County, San Rafael
  3. **San Luis Obispo – Sept. 13-16, 2026 (Sunday – Wed.)**
     Embassy Suites by Hilton San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo

Special Districts Risk Management Authority (SDRMA)

- 2026 SPRING EDUCATION DAY – Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (7:30am – 4:00pm)
  Hilton Sacramento Arden West, Sacramento

Urban Water Institute (UWI)

- 2026 Spring Conference - February 25-27, 2026 (Wednesday 1pm – Friday 11am)
  Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa, Indian Wells, CA

- 2026 Annual Conference – TBA usually late August, (Wednesday – Friday)
  Usually in San Diego, CA

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) - SYRWCD is not a member

- 2026 Spring Conference & Expo – May 5-7, 2026 (Tuesday - Thursday)
  Sacramento, CA
- 2026 Fall Conference & Expo – December 1-3, 2026 (Tuesday - Thursday)
  Anaheim, CA

Mid Pacific Water Users

- 2026 Mid Pacific Water Users Conference – January 28-30, 2026 (Wed. - Friday)
  Reno, NV

SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 25-01 REGARDING INCREASE IN COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PURSUANT TO WATER CODE SECTION 20202

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Water Code section 20203 and Government Code section 6066, that the Board of Directors (Board) of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (District) will hold a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance No. 25-01. The hearing will be held at the District's Board meeting on December 16, 2025, commencing at 5:30 p.m., in the Buellton City Council Chambers located at 140 West Hwy 246, Buellton, California. For the past 40 years, the compensation rate for the District's Board of Directors' attendance at board meetings and other authorized occurrences has been $75.00 per day. If the Ordinance is adopted, the District's Board of Directors' compensation for attendance at board meetings, and other occurrences as authorized by statute and as specified by written policies of the District's Board of Directors including in applicable resolutions, will be increased from $75.00 per day to $175.00 per day of attendance.

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Amber Thompson
Secretary to the Board of Directors
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Anjana Bhadoriya

Agent

SHERI SMITH
Notary Public - State of Florida
Commission # HH280383
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VERIFICATION

State of Florida
County of Broward

Signed or attested before me on this: 11/20/2025

S Smith
Notary Public

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Amber Thompson
Secretary to the Board of Directors
of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
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ORDINANCE NO. 25-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT REGARDING INCREASE IN COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District is organized and operates pursuant to Water Code section 74000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the District's purposes include protection and conservation of water supplies and water rights within the District's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, water districts and agencies throughout California, including, the District, are statutorily authorized to pay compensation to members of their legislative bodies for attendance at board meetings, advisory and committee meetings, conferences and organized educational activities, and other types of occurrences and occasions that constitute the performance of official duties; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the District's Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 461 which established the Director stipend at $75 per day. The stipend amount has not changed since 1985. Adopted and effective on January 25, 2006, Resolution No. 601 is the last resolution clarifying the per diem stipend of $75 per day, not to exceed six (6) days in any calendar month; and

WHEREAS, Water Code sections 20201 and 20202 expressly authorize the District to adopt an ordinance to increase the compensation received by members of the Board of Directors above the amount of $100 per day, and provide that such an increase in the amount of compensation may not exceed an amount equal to five percent (5%) for each calendar year following the operative date of the last adjustment, where no such ordinance shall authorize compensation for more than a total of 10 days in any calendar month; and

WHEREAS, in comparison to 1985, the scope and complexity of matters currently handled by the District's Board of Directors has substantially increased to include, by way of example and without limitation, issues related to: issuance and ongoing compliance with the 2000 Biological Opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for operation of the Cachuma Project and ongoing federal ESA re-consultation process beginning in 2013 between NMFS and USBR regarding Cachuma Project operations and pending issuance of a new Biological Opinion, to avoid or mitigate adverse impacts to downstream water rights and water supplies; ongoing work with various agencies and related proceedings and studies before the SWRCB relating to the District's role in conserving water in the watershed and administering downstream releases from Bradbury Dam pursuant to State Water Resources Control Board Water Rights Order (WRO) 2019-0148 and related orders and agreements including WR 89-18 and the 2002 Settlement Agreement among the District, Improvement District No. 1, the City of Lompoc, and the Cachuma Conservation Release Board (CCRB); groundwater charge rate setting complexity due to passage of Proposition 26 in or about 2010 and subsequent judicial opinions in the *City of*

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Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation Dist. litigation; and passage of the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and related and ongoing sustainable groundwater management work among multiple agencies and stakeholders relating to the District's membership in each of the three (3) Groundwater Sustainability Agencies formed to sustainably manage groundwater in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin pursuant to SGMA; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding substantial increases in scope, complexity, and intensity of matters currently handled by the District, the per-day rate of compensation payable to the District's Board of Directors has not been increased for more than forty (40) years despite the specific authorization in Water Code section 20201 and 20202 to receive annual increases; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Water Code section 20203 and Government Code section 6066, notice of a public hearing to be conducted on December 16, 2025, to consider an increase in the per-day rate of compensation for the District's Board of Directors was published in a newspaper of general circulation within the District once a week for two successive weeks, with at least five days intervening between the respective publication dates, where such published notification was commenced at least fourteen days prior to the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Water Code section 20203 and Government Code 6066, a noticed public hearing was conducted on December 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Buellton City Council Chambers located at 140 West Hwy 246, Buellton, California, to consider an increase in the per-day rate of compensation for the District's Board of Directors as reflected in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District as follows:

Section 1. The District's Board of Directors shall be compensated at the rate of up to one hundred seventy-five dollars ($175) per day for attendance at board meetings and other occurrences as authorized by statute and as specified by written policies of the District's Board of Directors including in applicable resolutions, as may be amended from time to time, which compensation rate does not exceed an amount equal to a five percent increase for each calendar year since the date of the last adjustment and thus is below a rate that otherwise would be authorized by statute. Each member of the Board of Directors may receive compensation for up to and not exceeding ten (10) calendar days of service in a calendar month. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 1, a member of the Board of Directors may receive compensation for a total of only one (1) meeting or other occurrence per calendar day.

Section 2. This Ordinance, once effective, supersedes District Resolution No. 461 and Resolution No. 601, and any and all other prior actions by the District, pertaining to compensation of the District's Board of Directors.

Section 3. In accordance with Water Code section 20204, this Ordinance, shall become effective and have full force and effect sixty (60) days after the date of its adoption.

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Section 4. Within ten (10) days following adoption of this Ordinance, it shall be published once in full in a newspaper of general circulation within the District, and the Ordinance shall be posted for at least ten (10) days in three (3) public places within the District.

Introduced and approved on _____, _____, and passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, on this ____ day of _____ _____, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

_____

Larry Lahr, President

ATTEST:

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Amber Thompson, Secretary to the Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Steven Torigiani, Legal Counsel

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RESOLUTION NO. 740

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CLARIFYING PER DIEM PAYMENT AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT TO DIRECTORS FOR ATTENDANCE AT SPECIFIED OCCURRENCES

WHEREAS, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District is organized and operates pursuant to Water Code section 74000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the District's purposes include protection and conservation of water supplies and water rights within the District's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, water districts and agencies throughout California, including, the District, are statutorily authorized to pay compensation to members of their legislative bodies for attendance at board meetings, advisory and committee meetings, conferences and organized educational activities, and other types of occurrences and occasions that constitute the performance of official duties; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the District's Board of Directors passed Resolution No. 461 which established the Director stipend at $75 per day. The stipend amount has not changed since 1985. Adopted and effective on January 25, 2006, Resolution No. 601 is the last resolution clarifying the per diem stipend of $75 per day, not to exceed six (6) days in any calendar month; and

WHEREAS, in comparison to 1985, the scope, complexity, and intensity of matters currently handled by the District's Board of Directors has substantially increased; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting held on December 16, 2025, this Board of Directors adopted Ordinance No. 25-01, authorizing payment of compensation to members of the Board for attendance at board meetings and other occurrences as authorized by statute and as specified in written policies of the District's Board of Directors, including applicable resolutions, as amended from time to time, at a rate of up to $175.00 per day; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 53232.1 provides that, when compensation is otherwise authorized by statute, a local agency such as the District may pay compensation to members of a legislative body for attendance at occurrences in addition those specified in subdivision (a) thereof, only if the governing body has adopted, in a public meeting, a written policy specifying other types of occasions that constitute performance of official duties for which a member of the legislative body may receive payment; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to clarify and specify the types of such occurrences or events for which a director is authorized to be paid compensation by the District for his or her attendance, and the amount of the payment for each specified event, as provided herein and in accordance with the provisions of the Water Code, in recognition of the fact that attendance by a director at Board Meetings or official District business is of great benefit to the District; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 53232.3 requires that local agencies providing expense reimbursement provide expense report forms and further requires that members receiving reimbursements timely file and document their expenses in expense reports; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 53232.3 further requires that directors provide a brief report to the Board at the first meeting following the incurrence of a reimbursed expense; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT REOLVED by the Board of Directors of the SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT as follows:

1. In accordance with Government Code section 53232.1, and as further established by these District policies, either of which may be amended from time to time, each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to receive compensation in the amount of one hundred and seventy-five dollars ($175.00) per day for attendance at each of the following events on behalf of the District, provided that such compensation shall not exceed (10) days in any calendar month and the increase in compensation from $75 to $175 per day for the following events shall not take effect until the Ordinance becomes effective, i.e., 60 days after the date of its adoption.

    A. Regular Board Meetings (District and WMA, CMA or EMA GSA Board of Directors meetings, when attending as a director or alternate director of the Board)

    B. Special Board Meetings (District and WMA, CMA or EMA GSA Board of Directors meetings, when attending and serving as a director or alternate director of the Board)

    C. Negotiation sessions

    D. Legal proceedings and depositions

    E. Meetings with District consultants, engineers, or other professionals for the purpose of conducting District business, or potential business

    F. Any other activity the Board requests in writing a member attend in advance of attendance

2. In accordance with Government Code section 53232.1, and as further established by these District policies, either of which may be amended from time to time, each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to receive compensation in the amount of seventy-five dollars ($75.00) per day for attendance at the following events on behalf of the District: Ad Hoc, Advisory or Other Committee Body Meetings, provided that such compensation, including the compensation paid as provided in Paragraph 1 immediately, above, shall not exceed (10) days in any calendar month.

3. Actual and necessary expenses shall be reimbursed to members when they are acting on behalf of the District in attending any of the occurrences listed in Paragraphs 1 and 2. In order to qualify for this reimbursement, the member must promptly submit receipts as well as the prompt filing of a District expense report after the expense is incurred, preferably at least five (5) days before the first regular Board Meeting following the event.

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4. The District expense report shall provide the name of the member seeking reimbursement and the nature of the occurrence which created the expense. Additionally, the member seeking reimbursement shall include a brief explanatory statement for inclusion in the Minutes of the Board Meeting. All Director Expense reports will be reviewed and approved either by the General Manger or the Board President.

5. In those limited situations where an expense report has not been filed before the next regular meeting of the Board, in order to comply with Government Code section 53235, the member seeking reimbursement will provide a statement to the effect that they will be seeking reimbursement for expenses and the nature of the occurrence which created the expense.

6. Members seeking reimbursement shall seek out group and/or government rates as a first choice and reimbursements will be limited to the amount allowed for by U.S. General Services Administration CONUS per diem and mileage rates. If the US. General Services fails to list a rate of reimbursement for an expense, or the member seeks an amount greater than the CONUS rate, the Board must approve the rate in writing prior to the occurrence of the expense.

7. This Resolution supersedes District Resolution No. 461 and Resolution No. 601, and any and all other prior actions by the District, pertaining to compensation and expense reimbursement paid to the District's Board of Directors, to the extent they remain in existence and are inconsistent with this Resolution.

8. This action of the Board shall become effective immediately and shall remain in force until rescinded.

The foregoing resolution being on motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, was authorized by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors:

NOES, Directors:

ABSENT, Directors:

ABSTAINING, Directors:

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CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said district as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 16th of December 2025.

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Larry Lahr, President	Amber Thompson, Secretary

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Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District

SYRWCD Board of Directors Regular Meetings and **GSAs Board Meetings**

2026	**SYRWCD** **3rd Tuesdays** **5:30 pm**	**CMA GSA** 4th Mondays 10:00 am	**WMA GSA** 4th Wednesdays 2:00 pm	**EMA GSA** 4th Thursdays 4:00 pm	**BASIN - ALL GSAs Joint Meeting** ***-- SAVE DATE --*** ***GSAs Special Meetings*** 1st Fridays 9:00 am
January	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	**23**	**25**	**26**	-
March	**17**	-	-	-	**13** **GSAs Annual Reports**
April	**TBD- Annual Report Hearing**	-	-	-	-
May	-	**18 ***	**27**	**28**	-
June	**16**	-	-	-	**5**
July	-	-	-	-	-
August	-	**24**	**Sept. 2 ****	**27**	-
September	**15**	-	-	-	**4**
October	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	**16 ***	**18 ***	**19 ***	-
December	**15**	-	-	-	**4**
Location:	**Typically held at** Buellton City Council Chambers multiple optional locations in District	Buellton City Council Chambers	Vandenberg Village CSD Meeting Room	Santa Ynez CSD Meeting Room	Buellton City Council Chambers

* Meeting is one week earlier than normal due to holidays.

** Meeting is one week later than normal due to holiday & CSDA Annual Conference conflict.

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2026 Staff Holidays
(Office will be closed)

	Holiday Observed	Date	Day of Week
1.	New Year's Day	Jan 1	Thursday
2.	Martin Luther King Day	Jan 19	Monday
3.	Presidents' Day	Feb 16	Monday
4.	Memorial Day	May 25	Monday
5.	Independence Day (observed)	July 3	Friday
6.	Labor Day	Sept 7	Monday
7.	Thanksgiving	Nov 26	Thursday
8.	Day after Thanksgiving	Nov 27	Friday
9.	Christmas Eve	Dec 24	Thursday
10.	Christmas Day	Dec 25	Friday

Federal Holidays 2026

Date	Federal holiday	Day of the week
January 1, 2026	New Year's Day	Thursday
January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Day	Monday
February 16, 2026	Presidents' Day	Monday
May 25, 2026	Memorial Day	Monday
June 19, 2026	Juneteenth	Friday
July 3, 2026	Independence Day (observed)	Friday
July 4, 2026	Independence Day	Saturday
September 7, 2026	Labor Day	Monday
October 12, 2026	Columbus Day	Monday
November 11, 2026	Veterans Day	Wednesday
November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday
December 25, 2026	Christmas Day	Friday

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